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EXCLUSIVE
TIPPING POINT...





Rebecca Loos & real reason she told of Becks 'affair'

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WINNING START England fans in Germany last night. Goal hero Bellingham, right

PERFECT TEN

Jude gives nervy England Euro win

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PLEDGE TO 'FORGOTTEN' BRITAIN

JUST THE JOB



» Labour's plan for 650,000 new roles is unveiled

» Ex-industrial areas at heart of the regeneration

BY **LIZZY BUCHAN** Deputy Political Editor

LABOUR is promising a jobs bonanza to boost all parts of the UK, especially areas decimated by the Tories.

Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves says the 650,000 new roles for skilled workers will help to rebuild industrial heartlands.

She added: "I will work night and day to bring good, well-paid jobs to communities forgotten under this Conservative government."

FULL STORY: PAGES 6&7

WEATHER & CLIMATE

15 Edinburgh 17 13 Newcastle Belfast 15 16 Manchester 17 Hull 18 Norwich Birmingham 19 Cardiff 22 London 18 Plymouth 10 5 5

TODAY Sunny spells and a threat of showers developing

A bright day with spells of sunshine but a scattering of showers will develop, mostly in the north and west and some of these will be locally heavy. Turning drier and brighter for many by the evening and feeling cool for June.

5-day forecast

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
London	22c	22c	21c	21c	21c
Newcastle	15c	19c	20c	19c	19c
Leeds	16c	17c	18c	17c	17c
M'chester	17c	19c	19c	18c	18c
Liverpool	16c	18c	18c	18c	18c
B'ham	19c	20c	20c	19c	20c
Cardiff	19c	20c	20c	19c	18c
Plymouth	20c	21c	20c	19c	18c
Belfast	14c	18c	18c	17c	17c

BIGGER PICTURE

Today's historical average high: **18.5**
June 2024 average high so far: **16.4**
June historical average high: **18.6**
All averages based on CET Mean Max Temp. Historical info from 1961-1990 (Source: Met Office)

CLIMATE FACT: Alaska's capital city is to limit the numbers of cruise ship passengers arriving at the port amid concerns over tourism's growing environmental impact.

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ACROSS
1 Confuse (8)
6 Winter sport item (3)
7 New Zealander (5)
9 Pane (anag) (4)
11 Scallion (4)
12 Boat (4)
14 Fencing sword (4)
16 Spiteful (5)
18 Pro (3)
19 Spout carving (8)

DOWN
1 Dragon (8)
2 Complain (5)
3 Capital of Peru (4)
4 Brian _, musician (3)
5 Scatter (8)
8 Church recess (4)
10 Made last (4)
13 Strong (5)
15 Simon _, comedy actor (4)
17 Gilbert and Sullivan princess (3)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS
Across: **1** Retook, **5** None, **6** In the bag, **11** Red-faced, **14** Amok, **15** Uglier. **Down:** **1** Rapid, **2** Oath, **3** Knob, **4** Snug, **7** Tie, **8** Elf, **9** Arc, **10** Odour, **11** Ramp, **12** Daku, **13** Abel.

THE LOTTERY

SATURDAY'S LOTTO: 1, 9, 25, 29, 34, 39
Bonus: 22. No winner of £4m jackpot.
THUNDERBALL: 12, 16, 19, 24, 36
Thunderball: 10. No winner of £500k top prize.
HEALTH LOTTERY: 4, 9, 10, 12, 20. Bonus: 23.
FRIDAY'S EUROMILLIONS: 2, 13, 16, 24, 32
Lucky Stars: 1 & 7. Tomorrow's est jackpot £146m.
ALL OR NOTHING: 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23

EURO 2024

CRUNCH

Bellingham shrugs off Serb fouls to get England off to a winning start



DEFENCE Fans using chairs

Yobs' street brawl leads to 7 arrests

BY **ANDY LINES**

VIOLENT clashes erupted between England and Serbian fans five hours before kick-off yesterday.

Bottles, chairs and tables were hurled by rival groups outside Hirt Steakhouse in Gelsenkirchen, where Serb supporters were drinking.

One man, who is understood to be English, was left with blood pouring from a head wound and needed medical attention.

Dozens of riot police were swiftly on the scene, arresting seven Serbs. A German police spokesman said: "The background to this is still unclear."

The UK Football Policing Unit added if any Britons were involved, banning orders would be sought.

Cops shoot axe menace

POLICE shot a man wielding an axe and petrol bomb as fans gathered ahead of a Euros match.

Officers pepper-sprayed the shaven-headed suspect then shot him in the leg in Hamburg yesterday.

He was tackled in the Reeperbahn red-light district, where fans were gathering ahead of Poland's match against Holland.

Police said the man was getting medical treatment, and that his actions had no apparent link to the Euros.



SHOUT OUT Fans ahead of Serbia match


REDDY FOR IT England fan cheers on lads

BY **ANDY LINES** Chief Reporter and **PAUL BYRNE** in Gelsenkirchen

An hour before kick-off a rainbow appeared above the stadium, as England prepared to chase that elusive pot of gold.

The atmosphere was incredible as fans in high spirits unfurled hundreds of St George flags ahead of England's first test of the Euros 2024.

The flags, emblazoned with the names of football clubs and towns and villages, seemed to fill every bit of available space.

They came from across the country – from Barrow and Spennymoor to Redruth and Dover.

Many of the 40,000-strong army of Three Lions fans who flocked to Gelsenkirchen in western Germany managed to get tickets for the game and England fans outnumbered Serbia's by at least two to one.

There were a number of WAGs in the crowd including captain Harry Kane's wife Katie Goodland and goalkeeper Jordan Pickford's partner Megan Davison.

And full-throated England fans made their presence felt as they bellowed their favourite anthems, including Don't take me Home and Football's Coming Home.

They also taunted the Tartan Army by singing: "Scotland get battered everywhere they go" to remind them

JOB DONE, LADS

& JUDEY



HELL'S BELLS Bellingham celebrates scoring goal

PARK LIFE Gelsenkirchen racecourse crowd watch game last night

of their team's 5-1 thrashing by Germany on Friday night.

When Jude Bellingham scored in the 13th minute fans belted out the Beatles' Hey Jude. And in the 40th minute, when England needed a lift, there was a rousing rendition of God Save the King.

As the victorious England players left the pitch they waved to their loved ones who were sitting in the stand on the far side of the pitch. Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline rang out as England fans joyously joined in.

Fans streamed out after the game and spoke of their delight at the win. Many predicted England could go all the way. Driver Stephen Clayton, 53, from Stoke said: "We just needed the win It's a great start to the tournament. There's no reason we can't go all the way to the final in Berlin. Perhaps this time football really will be coming home."

Michael Charlton, 26, an electrician from Darlington, Co Durham, said: "It is brilliant but it is what most England fans would have expected before the game."

And Ashley Welburn, 28, from Doncaster, South Yorkshire said: "Just brilliant, a fantastic result, now it's on to the next game."

HIGH HOPE Young fan

One England fan who has survived 14 rounds of chemotherapy and an 11-hour spine operation was feeling blessed to watch the match. Alex Zonneveld, 25, was bought a ticket after well-wishers heard of his gruelling battle with a rare form of bone cancer. He was diagnosed last year and he thought he had no chance of surviving.

But he said the dream of making it to last night's game was the one thing that kept him going.

Alex, from Borehamwood, Herts, said: "I just made a decision that if I am lucky enough to make it through all this – and alive – then the first thing I'm going to do is get myself out to the Euros.

"Thanks to the generosity of the British public people managed to chip in and sort me out with one."

Matthew Swailes, 47, from Bolton, travelled with his girlfriend Sandra Millington, from Warrington, Cheshire. He has previously watched England play all over Europe and was also in Germany for the 2006 World Cup. He said: "I think this is by far the best place for a tournament. The Germans understand football and they know what they are doing. The transport is fantastic."

NO1 FAN Megan Davison

Two Dorset schoolboys watched the game in a fan park after a mammoth 11-hour trip to support their heroes.

Tommy Marsh, 10, and eight-year-old Theo Drayton were so excited just to be here. Their dads decided this was a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to come to a major football tournament so close to home.

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EURO 2024



BACKING Flags adorn the Kirby estate – the nation's 'most patriotic' – in South East London

BRIGHTON
Early joy at the 4theFans Central Park

BY **JEREMY ARMSTRONG**

IT was a Father's Day football fixture like no other, and so the mother of all cheers went up in pubs and fan zones across England when the Three Lions secured their nervy 1-0 win over Serbia.

A TV audience of 17 million was predicted, the biggest of the year so far.

And around two million supporters watched the game in 35,000 pubs, or at fan zones, such as those in Greenwich, London, Times Square, Newcastle, Central Park in Brighton, and at the Diecast Bar in Manchester.

In Newcastle, fans were singing in the rain but nothing could dampen their spirits after Jude Bellingham headed in what turned out to be the winner.

Phil Storey, 64, said the tournament had got off to a flying start. He said: "The big teams, Germany, Italy, Spain, all started in an attacking fashion. England needed to do the same, to show they meant business – and they did just that."

In Manchester, Paul Eaton, 58, backed Gareth Southgate's side to go all the way, despite being on the back foot for much of the second half. The charity worker said: "They did so well in the last Euros, you feel it could be their time at last. They have a good mix of young players like Jude Bellingham alongside the experience of Harry Kane. We can go all the way."

In the south of England, supporters in fan zones had warmer weather but were on the edge of their seats in the second half.

Local Adrian Lee, 60, said that it was a typical England performance but they did enough. "It's a marathon, not a sprint, in finals," he added.

Civil servant David Delves, 58, of Cheltenham, Glos, said Bellingham and Kane are key to England's chances. He said: "Kane had such a tremendous season and Jude has been a revelation."

Football fever will give a huge boost to the UK economy. Tesco expects to sell 33 million packs of beer and cider during the tournament. And the British Beer and Pub Association said around 777 million pints would be sold, generating £2.2billion.

Emma McClarkin, chief executive, said: "Fans cheering on the Three Lions know that the pub is the best place to be." Nick Mackenzie, CEO of pub chain Greene King, agreed, saying: "There is no better place to watch than the pub."

On the patriotic Kirby estate, in Bermondsey, London, the St George's Cross was flying and local hero, Crystal Palace and England star Eberechi Eze, got his own mural.

Local resident Chris Dowse said: "He is a fantastic talent and up and coming superstar."

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NEWCASTLE
Fan is definitely up for it on Tyneside

LIVERPOOL
Emotion overcomes one fan at Boxpark

NEWCASTLE
Abby Mercer has fun at fan zone

ELATION FOR FANS

the zone..

Buoyant supporters willed team on around the country

MANCHESTER
Paper 'shower' and drinks at Diecast Bar

WEMBLEY
Beers fly after the opening goal

GREENWICH
Punching the air at one fan zone in London



DRIVING FORCE Mark & Olly off to Germany

Murs' message for baby Madi

BY **ANDY LINES** and **PAUL BYRNE**

SINGER OLLY Murs has apologised to his baby daughter for missing his first Father's Day to watch England in Germany.

He and great pal and reality TV star Mark Wright, wearing England shirts, drove to Germany in six hours. Olly, 40, posted a poignant Instagram message: "Dear Madi. One day you might be allowed an Instagram account and you will see this but today is a very special day.

"My first Father's Day.

"You're perfect in every way. Sorry I've been away on tour and now at the Euros watching England's first game but I'll make it up to ya when I get home x big love your dad."

Olly also revelled in listening to the Three Lions football anthem... at 5.51am.

DAWN CHORUS Olly hears Three Lions



AWAY FANS Pair arrive after six-hour drive

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ELECTION 2024

ELECTION '24 COUNTDOWN
20 DAYS TO GO
Mirror Chicken's Diary

Football-mad **Keir Starmer** last night planned to take a rare evening off campaigning to watch England's first Euros match in a London pub.

The game has influenced his leadership too, with Mr Starmer seeking wisdom from coaches including Gareth Southgate, inset. He told his biographer: "What I noticed about Southgate is that he listens. He's not trying to dominate the whole room."





JUST 7% of 18-24 year olds plan to vote Tory but ex-Home Secretary **Suella Braverman** is nonetheless trying to appeal to teens on TikTok.

In a recent post, the Tory candidate mimes to a viral audio clip as she struts in sunglasses with local Tories waving placards behind her.

One horrified TikTok user called it "possibly one of the most cringeworthy things I have ever seen in my life".



The Tory candidate for Hertford and Stortford **Julie Marson** posted a video of neighbours gushing about their support for her.

But a local newspaper has pointed out the "neighbours" were actually Tory councillors or members. Critics called the endorsement video misleading and unethical.

REMINDER

THE final day for voter registration is tomorrow.

Go to **gov.uk/register-to-vote** for more information.

If you have a holiday or engagement that means you cannot get to the polls, the deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on Wednesday, June 19. Go to **gov.uk/apply-postal-vote**.

Also, do not forget to bring ID to vote on polling day. If you don't have a passport or driving licence, you can apply for a free voter ID certificate.

Make sure your voice gets heard on July 4



AS the daughter of a Labour MP and a die-hard feminist I registered to vote the second I was eligible. By then, I'd heard more than enough lectures on the importance of democracy, and how many women died for my right to have my voice heard: message received and understood.

But almost seven million people may be yet to register to put their X in a box on July 4. What's stopping them?

Dry-cleaner Arslan Erse, 33, is from Caledonian Road in North London, an area with one of the largest percentage of voters missing from the electoral register. He has never voted before, but vows: "I'm going to do it this time."

PLEDGE Arslan

Arslan had no idea there was a deadline to register or that it was so soon – tomorrow by midnight – and promises to act fast.

What is it about this election that's made him decide to get involved? He says: "Just everything that's going on, the prices of everything, it's out of control. We've tried one party for years and years, now it's time to give someone else a chance and see if they can change things, make life better for everyone."

Others are unregistered on purpose.

Maxine Terrell, 48, a local government officer, who lives between London and Buckinghamshire, has not signed up and has absolutely no plans to.

She says: "It's pointless. I don't want to feel like my vote will be wasted. What's the point in me going to tick a box when I don't believe that they're going to help us?"

I wonder what the likelihood is that she will change her mind before the deadline. "Zero per cent," she says.


FED UP Maxine

Some people still have faith in voting though. Chevaunne McColl, 33, lives in the Holborn and St Pancras constituency, Labour leader Keir Starmer's seat.

Currently not registered, she's planning to as soon as possible. She says: "I've just moved to the area, and getting on the electoral roll is really important, especially now, with everything that's going on. Rishi Sunak wasn't even elected, and now we're hearing lots and lots about how relatable he is.

"I mean, I didn't have Sky TV when I grew up either."



BY **DARREN LEWIS** Assistant Editor

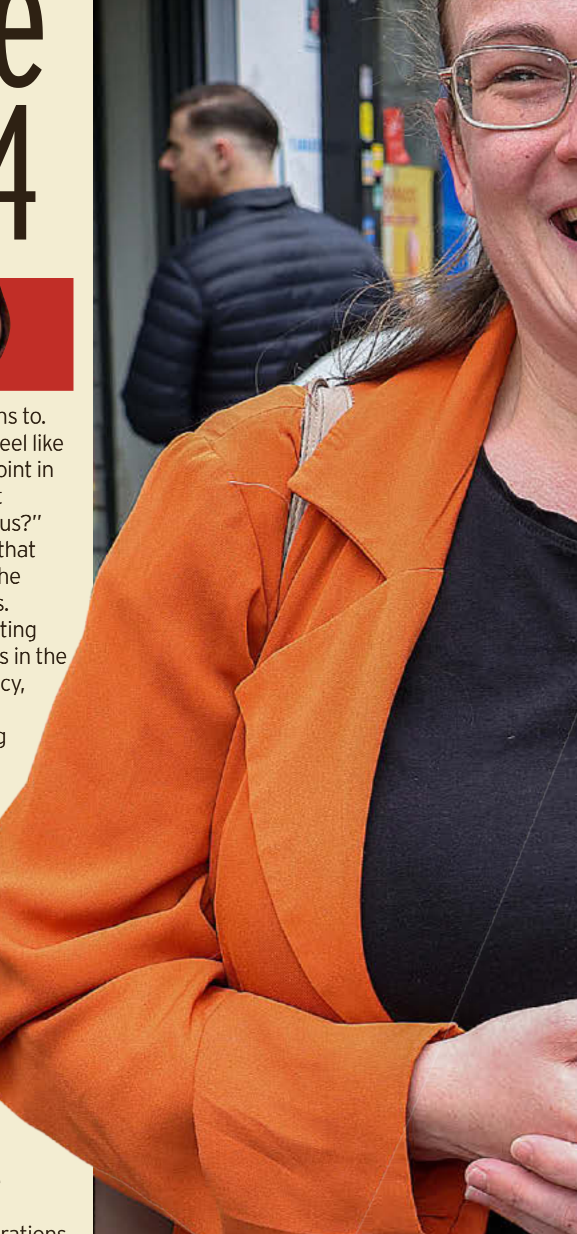
YOU may be fed up, angry or sick to the back teeth of them all – but it is still important to have your say.

It won't be easy. The Tories are a no-no. Reform is a one-issue posse of pub bores blaming everything on immigration. And let's not kid ourselves, many Black and Brown people feel politically estranged from Labour right now. It explains why, with just one day left to register to vote, there are around seven million people who have not.

Uptake is lowest among the younger generations and also ethnic minorities and lower-income groups.

But it is not too late. It takes a few minutes to register at **gov.uk/register-to-vote** – do it now.





GRAFTER

Labour: Our jobs pledge to rebuild UK

EXCLUSIVE
BY **LIZZY BUCHAN** Deputy Political Editor

RACHEL Reeves is pledging to bring hope to the numerous areas neglected by the Conservatives.

The Shadow Chancellor will today set out details of Labour's promise of a jobs revolution, with 650,000 roles created for skilled workers such as plumbers, electricians and engineers.

Many of the jobs will be in industrial heartlands wrecked by the Tories.

Around 35,000 of the roles will be in the North East, 77,000 in the North West, 71,000 in Yorkshire and the Humber and 29,000 in Wales. Labour says it will create good jobs in areas laid to waste by Margaret Thatcher and left behind by the Tories' broken promise to level up the country.

Ahead of a campaign visit today to promote the plans, Ms Reeves told the Mirror: "Britain's industrial heartlands were destroyed by Thatcher in the 1980s, with families and pensioners still paying the price. Labour will turn things around, with a plan to make working people better off in all parts of the country.

HOPE Rachel Reeves

"My promise to Mirror readers is this: I will work night and day to bring good, well-paid jobs to communities that have been forgotten under this Conservative government." The numbers work out as 350 new roles per day over five years.

Research shows former coalfield communities are still hit by unemployment 40 years after the Miners' Strike.

Labour plans to invest £7.3billion in a new National Wealth Fund to pay for ambitious plans for clean power and warmer homes. The money will be poured into re-industrialising the UK, creating hundreds of thousands of

PLAN TO CREATE WORK



HEADING TO POLLS Chevaunne McColl talks to our Polly

> Getting on the electoral roll is really important, especially with everything going on
>
> **CHEVAUNNE McCOLL** ON WHY SHE WILL BE VOTING ON JULY 4

EFFECT

» Reeves vows to reverse Tories' damage

jobs. There will be £2.5bn to rebuild the steel industry, £1.8bn to upgrade ports and build supply chains, and £1.5bn for the automotive industry.

Ms Reeves will today unveil a target for every £1 invested in the fund to unlock at least £3 from the private sector, helping the party to fund the transition to net zero.

Levelling up was a key part of the Tories' 2019 manifesto, but a damning report said in March that only 10% of the cash had actually been spent. Of £10.47bn in total funding committed from central government until 2025/26, local authorities had only been able to spend £1.24bn.

350 Number of jobs that would be created per day over five years

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities said the impact of the pandemic and inflation resulted in a lower than anticipated amount of money having been spent.

It is claimed the Tories have siphoned off levelling up cash to fund Rishi Sunak's controversial National Service scheme.

The plan to make 18-year-olds do military service or compulsory volunteering is predicted to mean some of our poorest areas losing out on tens of millions of pounds earmarked for regeneration.

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How your region will benefit...

New jobs created under Labour's plans over five years per region:

North East	35,000
North West	77,000
Yorkshire & the Humber	71,000
E. Midlands	46,000
W. Midlands	50,000
Eastern	56,000
London	68,000
South East	77,000
South West	61,000
Scotland	69,000
Wales	29,000
N. Ireland	17,500
Total	**656,500**

LOSING GRIP Sunak at weekend

75% think PM out of touch after Sky gaffe

EXCLUSIVE BY **ASHLEY COWBURN**

THREE-QUARTERS of voters believe Rishi Sunak has lost touch with reality while less than 10% think he understands ordinary people, a poll shows.

The findings come just days after the Prime Minister, who has a fortune of £651million with wife Akshata Murty, said he went without things as a child including Sky TV.

A poll of 2,014 people for The Mirror by Whitestone Insight found 75% believed Mr Sunak was out of touch – compared with 37% for Keir Starmer, *pictured right*.

On understanding ordinary people, Mr Starmer had a major lead of 38% compared to 8% for the Tory leader.

More voters also said the Labour leader was statesmanlike, 31% compared to 20% for the PM.

Lachlan Rurlander of Whitestone Insight said: "These results show that Rishi Sunak's narrative of 'the plan is working' is not cutting through."

Wes to docs: Call off strike

THE Shadow Health Secretary yesterday urged junior doctors to call off upcoming strikes and said he would be on the phone to them on day one of a Labour government.

Wes Streeting added to Sky News: "I don't think there's anything to be achieved by having strikes in an election campaign."

Junior doctors of the BMA are to strike in England from June 27-July 2.

Child benefit cap hell soars

ANOTHER 670,000 children will be affected by the two-child benefit cap by the end of the next Parliament.

Families lose out on £3,455 a year per extra child, says analysis by the Institute for Fiscal Studies today.

It affects around two million kids and will rise by 250,000 next year.

Half of families impacted by the Tory cap last year were single parents.

Axing it would cost £3.4bn a year.

VOICE OF THE DAILY Mirror

They'll do level best

THE scars left by Margaret Thatcher's brutal assault on Britain's industry can still be seen to this day.

Unemployment remains higher than the national average in the former coalfield areas, and there are fewer well-paid, secure jobs.

The Tories tore the heart out of these communities and then abandoned them.

Labour will today pledge to address this historic injustice. Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves is promising to create hundreds of thousands of jobs in Britain's former industrial heartlands, by leveraging money from a new National Wealth Fund.

The state will work with the private sector to boost investment in the steel and car industries, renewable energy and ports.

The goal is 650,000 new jobs within five years for plumbers, electricians, engineers and other skilled workers. This is real levelling up.

Where the Tories have failed, Labour are promising to succeed by delivering skilled, secure jobs in the areas that need them most.

End gun curse

THE family of Olivia Pratt-Korbel came together in recent days to mark what should have been her 11th birthday.

Olivia's murder stands as a reminder of the horrific, heartbreaking consequences of gun crime. So it is alarming that three-quarters of police forces have reported a rise in gun offences over the past decade.

The problem has been fuelled by turf wars over drugs between organised crime gangs, and the increased access to illegal weapons.

But not everywhere has suffered a rise in firearm offences. In London, the Metropolitan Police have overseen a reduction in gun crime, by focusing on the gangs behind it. A national strategy could cut offences everywhere.

Sunday best

DADS couldn't believe their luck yesterday, when England's Euros opener happened to fall on Father's Day.

Finally, they had the perfect excuse to ask for peace and quiet to watch the football.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



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Stalking the corridors of power

POINTS OF DISORDER #1

Beyond furious Wes Streeting knows that junior doctors are striking in England next week against an incoming Labour government, rather than the Tories.

It's a shot across the bow of the next Health Secretary, who will fail to cut NHS waiting lists if an inherited long-running pay dispute with four in 10 doctors continues.

Striking doctors are far from the only poison pill left by the Tories but unless money is put on the table the damage will be severe.

GOING UP

Growing in authority during the campaign, Chancellor of the Exchequer-in-waiting Rachel Reeves bombproofing "dullness dividend" is earning rich returns for Labour.

GOING DOWN



Laughed at by a TV crowd, even Penny Mordaunt's extravagant bouffant is deflated when the wannabe Tory leader is in danger of losing her seat.

POINTS OF DISORDER #2

Labour being tipped to win 70% of the seats with 40% of the vote is a case for electoral reform.

Parties that hit the jackpot are strong enough to implement a fairer voting system but, in their triumph, consider the argument irrelevant.

Democracy is damaged when the share of the votes and MPs don't tally.

The pendulum swinging Labour's way will eventually swing against them. Fairer votes to future-proof against Tory rule is a change Starmer is foolish to resist.

Keir here to stay as Tories veer right off

KEIR Starmer's goal of not one but two General Election victories to give him 10 years in power isn't a pipe dream when this pivotal contest is Labour's to lose.

Landslide poll leads projecting massed hordes of Labour MPs and near extinction of the Conservative Party ahead of the real thing on July 4 – Britain's independence from Tories day – signposts a political earthquake.

Sometimes we need to pinch ourselves this seismic shift is possible.

Let's remember how, five years ago, Labour crashed to its worst electoral defeat since 1935.

Two years ago Boris Johnson was planning for a third term.

One year ago a minority Labour government would've been banked.

Six months back a working majority was considered a Herculean feat.

Next month Starmer will struggle to fit all his MPs on the government side of the House of Commons.

Partying liar Johnson, economy crashing Liz Truss and D-Day dodger Rishi Sunak did their very best to demonstrate that elections are largely lost by mis-governing parties.

But credit where it's due – driven Starmer and a professional, disciplined Labour Party with a fearsome will to win is suddenly



seizing opportunities with both hands. The poisonous split on the Right between the Conservatives and Nigel Farage's Reform UK is a gift, a bonus transforming a Labour victory into a rout.

Donald Trump boasted before grabbing the White House tenure in 2016 that he could open fire on a crowded New York street and still be elected US President.

"I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn't lose voters," bragged deranged Donald.

Starmer is of sound mind and prosecuted rather than committed crimes yet it's difficult to see what he could do to throw away his advantage in polls. To be only the seventh Labour of 58 Prime Ministers in history since Robert Walpole was the first in 1721 would be a remarkable feat in itself when Starmer was dealt a poor hand.

Fond of warning he has no wand, the Labour leader will require a magician's skills to make the numbers add up and revive key public services while keep down main taxes.

Wealth generation is the gamble to fund missions on health, education, safer streets, opportunities and saving the planet from climate change.

The intention, whispered a Labour strategist, is to under-promise and over-deliver to secure a second mandate and fresh five years in either 2028 or 2029.

Bitter Tory civil war and an ongoing battle to the death with Farage on the Right would assist, of course.

Finding £3.4billion before the next election to lift 2.7 million kids out of poverty by axing the Tory cruel two-child benefit cap, a policy missing in Labour's manifesto, could prove the test of Labour success or failure.

Expectations will be high. Living up to them will be difficult.

Change to an attractive new direction of travel and Starmer in No10 will be no fleeting tenant like Sunak, Truss, Johnson and May.

TOP TEAM ARE READY

EXPERIENCE will help Labour hit the ground running after the election.

For a party out of office for 14 years, Keir Starmer's top team shares an unusually high degree of muscle memory.

Yvette Cooper, Ed Miliband, Hilary Benn and John Healey were all in Gordon Brown's cabinets.

David Lammy, Pat McFadden and Alan Campbell also served as Ministers in Labour governments.

Starmer himself was Director of Public Prosecutions so captained a ship of state.

His chief of staff Sue Gray is a highly rated former Whitehall mandarin who knows her way around the corridors of power.

The ruthless Labour machine has banned talk of measuring the curtains for power when the campaign isn't finished.

But there will be no excuse for amateurish mistakes or blaming civil servants when an experienced Cabinet gathers to deliver promised change after shredding the Tories.

■ KEIR Starmer was underestimated, observed Peter Mandelson.

And who did the underestimating include? My, the Labour peer himself.

Lord Mandelson was accused a few moons ago of fat-shaming the boss.

"Starmer needs to shed a few pounds and that would be an improvement," he once advised acidly.

His success now has many people claiming credit, including the feckless.

STAR Sue Gray is chief of staff



» The latest Tory charlatan to fly under false colours is a Robbie Moore, ridiculed for using Labour red rather than Tory blue on posters in Keighley and Ilkley. You'd need the Jodrell Bank telescope to read tiny print admitting he's actually a Conservative. But it's irrelevant anyway because after July 5, this chancer will be the smallest footnote in political history.

» Besieged Tory actor Giles Watling, *below*, vowed not to let Clacton be sacrificed on the altar of Nigel Farage's vanity. Cynics snigger it's a battle of the egos, with the town's MP since 2017 (also the vicar from Bread) miffed that he's no longer the Essex seaside resort's most famous act.



SPEAKER'S CORNER

"Britain needs bread and butter social democracy." Parachuted into Swansea West, Torsten Bell is right, but the Labour brainbox behind the Miliband "Ed Stone" and champion of squeezed low and middle income households knows a dollop of jam would seal the deal, too.

ANGRY Itamar Ben Gvir

Israeli army vows to halt fighting daily to boost aid

BY MARTIN FRICKER

ISRAEL'S army has promised to halt military action along a humanitarian corridor in Gaza for an hour each day to let more aid in.

But the authorities insisted there would be no ceasefire and that combat would continue in the embattled city of Rafah.

The pauses between 7pm and 8pm will cover a seven-mile route that leads northwards from the Kerem Shalom crossing.

Israel has been under pressure from its allies to prevent the humanitarian crisis in Gaza worsening.

CONFUSED

Aid agency ActionAid said it was getting a "confused" picture, and a spokesman told the BBC they needed more details about the logistics.

The pauses have been welcomed by the UN.

But Israeli media said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had not been made aware of the plans. His office said he had told his military secretary the idea was "unacceptable".

Far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir said the decision on the pauses had been made by a "fool" who was "evil".

Pubs closing at rate of 80 each month

AROUND 80 pubs a month shut permanently in the first quarter of this year.

The closures were up 56% from the same period in 2023, data cruncher Altus Group found.

The worst-hit region was the North West, where 35 landlords called last orders for the final time.

In the year ending March 31, 472 UK pubs shut down.

The industry is calling for a cut in beer duty.

The Tories have pledged to ease the business rates burden, and Labour vowed to overhaul the system.

But Altus's Alex Probyn said: "Business had hoped for more detail, and a time-frame in achieving this."

We love you, Papa

Sweet snap of royals for Father's Day



LOVING FAMILY William & children on the beach

DUTIES Kate was back for big event

ON BALL Charles & William in 1984

THANKS Wills, Kate & children wave to crowds

SMILES On the Palace balcony

BY RUSSELL MYERS Royal Editor

PRINCE William's three children wished him a happy Father's Day in their first post on social media.

A new photograph shows the Prince of Wales standing on a beach with Prince George, 10, Princess Charlotte, nine, and five-year-old Prince Louis.

The image taken by the Princess of Wales was uploaded yesterday, with a personalised message from the three youngsters, saying: "We love you, Papa. Happy Father's Day."

Kensington Palace said Kate's picture of William and their children, who all played starring roles at the King's birthday celebrations in London on Saturday, was taken on the Norfolk coastline last month.

William, 41, shared a photo of him playing football with the King in the gardens of Kensington Palace. The sweet snap, taken on June 12, 1984, just days before his second birthday, shows Charles dressed in a suit and shiny leather loafers and the young prince in light blue dungarees. William wrote: "Happy Father's Day, Pa".

Later that same year William would gain a younger brother, with the Duke of Sussex born in September.

The Princess of Wales made her first public appearance since Christmas Day at the Trooping the Colour ceremony on Saturday.

Kate, 42, who has been undergoing treatment for cancer, waved to the watching crowds with her husband and children on the Buckingham Palace balcony. With the King also suffering from cancer, it was a rare joint public outing for the entire family after a period of uncertainty.

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Over-50s health fears

Millions worry about getting GP appointment, Age UK poll finds

BY **MARTIN FRICKER**

NEARLY half of over-50s are concerned about how difficult it is to access their GP.

The charity Age UK, which published the findings, said that equates to 12.6 million people.

Older people are also worried about their ability to get hospital appointments and emergency care.

One stroke patient said he cannot afford to wait on hold to his GP practice because of phone charges.

David, who did not want to give his surname, said: "I cannot afford to stay on the phone. Costs keep going up.

"I feel sorry for the staff, they've told me several times, 'We wish we could do more'. I do struggle.

"I'm not alone, there are countless others in the same situation." Caroline Abrahams, charity director at Age UK, said: "Sadly, for some older people, healthcare delayed means healthcare denied, because they do not have time on their side. Our new analysis highlights just how many are being subjected to distress and, in some cases, enduring pain, because of their difficulties in accessing the GP services they need."

CALLS Abrahams

Age UK is calling for more investment in primary care, GP practices and community services.

An NHS spokeswoman said: "While eight out of 10 older people report a positive overall experience of their practice, the NHS is upgrading telephone systems to further improve experience and ensure GPs continue delivering record numbers of appointments.

"The NHS Long Workforce Plan commits to increasing GP training places by 50% to help provide further continuity of care, including for older people or those with complex needs."

The poll questioned 2,621 adults over the age of 50, alongside an online survey of 17,000 people.

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It's Rita Flora..

COMING UP ROSES Rita Ora in fine voice

RITA Ora blooms against a leafy backdrop as she performs her new hit Ask & You Shall Receive.

The singer, 33, wearing a faux fur stole, got back to nature making the video, part of her Garden Sessions gigs. A fertile area for devoted fans to explore.

STOLE THE SHOW Rita loves her faux fur

Capital costs expat talent

LONDON has jumped into the top 10 of the world's most expensive cities for expat employees.

The English capital has moved up nine spots to eighth in Mercer's 2024 cost-of-living city ranking.

Edinburgh placed 53 in the rankings, ahead of Glasgow (68), Birmingham (78), Aberdeen (82) and Belfast at (87).

Hong Kong remains number one on the list of 226 locations, followed by Singapore, with Abuja in Nigeria ranked least costly.



UK is facing new 'suicide drone' threat



SKY ATTACK A Mavic 3 Pro drone with drop mechanism attached

> Protecting large events from drone attack isn't easy but more must be done
>
> **KYLE THORBURN** FORMER PARA & TERRORISM EXPERT



EXCLUSIVE
BY **CHRIS HUGHES**
Defence and Security Editor

DRONES used on the battlefields of Ukraine could soon be in the hands of terrorists hitting British targets.

And security experts say European security services are being poorly advised on the growing threat.

First-person view drones, which allow the user to see what the drone sees in real time, and unmanned aerial vehicle drones could be used for terror attacks.

A Ukrainian source working with frontline drone teams told the Daily Mirror: "A person armed with the technology, especially an FPV drone typically used in 'kamikaze' suicide attacks – when the craft impacts directly at what it is aimed at – could easily target critical infrastructure.

"Attractions like Big Ben or the London Eye are easy targets and the operator does not need to be close."

The source said there were indications this type of attack, from a group such as al-Qaeda, or ISIS, was highly likely in Britain.

And added: "We are tracking groups using this technology in Africa, Syria, Gaza and Russian forces in Ukraine. UK security agencies should also take into consideration that a single attacker can use this technology to launch several attacks without being close."

Chinese firm Da-Jiang innovations makes UAV drones likely to be used in such attacks – the Mavic 3 Pro for daytime or Mavic 3T, with its thermal imaging camera, for night operations.

A mechanism to drop an explosive from the drone can be home-made.

These can be downed due to their relatively low speed and signals in the gigahertz range, which can be jammed. But the faster FPV drones, in the lower megahertz range, are harder to jam.

Former British Parachute Regiment soldier and terrorism expert Kyle Thorburn, who runs security company Brit Alliance Ltd, operating in Ukraine, is concerned about the threat.

> **£8k**
> Cost of anti-drone guns used in Ukraine, which are not yet used here

He said: "I am not suggesting that making large events protected from drone attack is easy – but more needs to be done.

"This threat doesn't have to be smuggled into the UK. It can be bought here and FPVs assembled at home.

"The time when terrorists are radicalised at home is over. They get this knowledge openly through Ukraine or Russian YouTube or Telegram channels."

He warned that the firms advising European security services may not have the latest data on combating drones. In Ukraine they deploy an effective £8,000 anti-drone gun we do not yet use here.

He added: "The Ukraine front line is witnessing enormous changes in drone technology, the UK needs to take note."

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DEADLY Explosives for a drone, and control screen

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WHY LOOS WENT PUBLIC

The waitress...the tip...and the 'affair' that almost broke Brand Beckham

AFFAIR CLAIM Loos in 2004

EXCLUSIVE
BY **TOM BRYANT**
Head of Showbiz

A seemingly harmless incident in a restaurant sparked a devastating claim which threatened to tear Brand Beckham apart, a new book reveals.

Personal assistant Rebecca Loos, now 46, went public about her alleged affair with David Beckham, 49, following his failure to tip a waitress.

The aftermath of Rebecca's revelation was the "hardest period" for David and wife Victoria, according to last year's Netflix series Beckham.

Now a book by author Tom Bower tells for the first time why Rebecca spoke out, posing the biggest test of the Beckham's marriage, which marks 25 years next month.

In The House of Beckham, the author writes that after a meal at Madrid's Hard Rock Cafe for Rebecca and other staff of his SFX agency, the millionaire footballer did not tip.

Bower writes: "The following day, the waitress gave Loos a note for Beckham. Explaining that she survived on the tips, she expressed her anger that someone as famous and rich could be so mean.

"After reading the note, Beckham was alarmed. 'Give her this,' he said handing over a thick wodge of euros.

"Reflecting... about how Beckham had played her and lied to her, Loos was angry."

Rebecca, who was let go by SFX, sold her story alleging an affair to a former Sunday newspaper in 2004.

The Beckhams' PR advisers quickly arranged a show of togetherness on holiday in the Alpine ski resort of Courchevel, France, to try to offset the damage to Brand Beckham.

The book says: "In a bravura performance the couple clung to each other – she with an iron grip on his hand. Then they performed a piggy-back and smiled.

"Once the show was over they disappeared into their chalet... as everyone drifted off, one journalist looked through the Beckhams' chalet window. Posh was slapping Beckham hard on his face. Beckham, famous for his short fuse, did not retaliate."

The Manchester Utd legend, who denies any affair, began playing for Real Madrid in 2003 but Victoria delayed moving to Spain and her experience there was miserable.

Bower writes: "Her life in Madrid was lonely and unhappy. Although she had everything money could buy she was isolated. With few friends, she was unwilling to learn Spanish.

"Her diet, rigorous exercise and chain-smoking reflected her anxieties." Their time in Madrid was also strained by the Spice Girl's relationship with rapper Damon Dash, who promised to relaunch her pop career.

She often spent time in New York with Dash to produce an album which never saw the light of day.

"Dash's interference in the Beckhams' married life disturbed David.

"At the end of a Real Madrid press conference... Beckham burst out: 'All this speculation about my wife not being happy, it's all rubbish. She's very happy here in Madrid. There are no problems in our marriage.'"

But fast-forward 14 years to 2018 and the Beckhams were once more fending off marriage rumours.

Amid the speculation, Victoria and her publicist arranged a high-profile interview and photoshoot in London of the Happy Family Beckham. The entire Beckham family was to be photographed sitting in a wooden rowing boat on a pond, which was to be shot as if it were a lake. But soon there was tension over whether David would appear in the shoot, with the footballer's publicist adamant that he would not take part.

"Not mentioned was Beckham's new opinion that his children should not be exploited for the brand.

"Unspoken was his apparent fury with Victoria's endless self-promotion campaigns. The wrangling was followed by an outburst between Beckham and Victoria. Beckham relented. Finally, the family was shuffled on to the boat."

But what followed was almost comical. "Unexpectedly, once the six were afloat, Beckham insisted that his cocker spaniel Olive should

CLOSE CONTACT Rebecca, Posh and son Romeo watch Madrid, 2003

GETTING A GRIP Couple in loved-up pose for cameras on 2004 ski trip

WITH HER ALLEGATIONS

SNOW JOB? Becks gives smiling Posh a piggyback in Courchevel

IN THE NEWS Rebecca at the I, Robot premiere in London, 2004

WHERE'S THE DADDY? Posh on the Vogue cover in 2018 with kids Harper, Romeo, Cruz and Brooklyn but no Becks



RAPPED UP With Damon Dash in 2003

feature in the shot too. The dog had 71,000 Instagram followers.

Gingerly, the boat was pushed from the shore. Suddenly, Olive jumped into the water.

"Beckham was about to follow and rescue his pet. Screaming 'No', worried that his clothes would get soaked, several assistants plunged into the water to grab the dog. Victoria's face turned to thunder. Another argument blew up. A sulk descended.

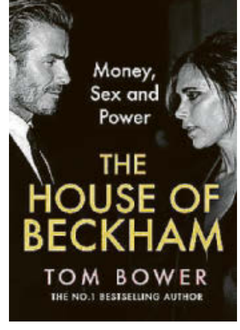
"Plans for the family photo were ditched. Victoria posed only with the children and the spaniel. In the aftermath, Beckham and Victoria posed as a twosome, separate and looking rather severe. As ever, consummate actors."

Later the Vogue editor hosted a fancy dinner at Mark's Club in Mayfair.

Bower writes: "The publicists co-ordinated the separate arrival of Beckham and Victoria. Professional as ever, they posed holding hands with inscrutable smiles.

"Unknown to the photographers, after 10 minutes Beckham left through a rear entrance. Victoria remained, drinking red wine until, amid cheers, she stood on a couch to sing the Spice Girls' big hit 'Wannabe'."

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■ THE HOUSE OF BECKHAM: MONEY, SEX AND POWER by Tom Bower, to be published by HarperCollins on June 20, 2024, at £22.

Gun crime up in 3 out of 4 regions in a decade



DEADLY Arsenal used in crimes

BY **TOM PETTIFOR** Crime Editor

GUN crime has risen nearly 20% over the past 10 years, with increases in three-quarters of police force areas.

There were more than 17 offences on average every day in the year to March 2023, with annual rates up from 5,158 to 6,365 over the decade.

Among the worst-hit areas was the North East, where firearm crimes rocketed more than five-fold, from 68 to 367, Home Office data shows.

And in the West Midlands gun offences more than doubled from 628 to 1,327.

The overall rise comes despite incidents in London boroughs being cut from 1,961 a year in 2013 to 1,087 a decade on.

Jackie Taylor's son Tyrese Miller, 22, was shot dead on his way home from a night out with friends in Croydon, South London, in 2022.

She said: "I worry that if this can happen to Tyrese, it can happen to anyone.

"No mother should have to bury their son like I have. What happened to Tyrese has changed all of us. None of us will ever really come to terms with what has happened."

The increase in gun crime has been fuelled by the rising use of converted blank firearms, which can be bought legally and are then converted into deadly weapons.

17+ Number of gun crimes recorded every day in England and Wales

Assistant Chief Constable Tim Metcalfe is the National Police Chiefs' Council lead for the Criminal Use of Firearms.

He said: "While it may appear alarming, the increase in reports of crime involving firearms is driven by the use of imitation weapons.

"This is because the relentless work carried out by forces, the National Crime Agency and partner agencies has made it incredibly difficult [for criminals] to obtain lethal-purpose firearms."

I want Liv's legacy to be people having fun & laughing



GATHERING Mum Cheryl Korbel at event in Liverpool on Saturday



TRAGIC Olivia Pratt-Korbel, nine, was shot dead in 2022

Mother's 11th birthday tribute to girl murdered in shooting horror

EXCLUSIVE
BY **HOLLIE BONE**

THE mother of murdered Olivia Pratt-Korbel has promised to always throw the biggest parties for her birthday to ensure her legacy is people having fun.

Olivia, aged nine, was killed in her home when she was caught in the crossfire of a shooting in 2022.

Last week the youngster, described as beautiful and sassy, should have celebrated her 11th birthday.

At a huge party on Saturday, her mum Cheryl Korbel, 48, told the Mirror: "It's a celebration of Liv's birthday. It's a massive year because it's the year she would have gone to big school.

"From her first birthday to her ninth, Liv was very sassy and it has crossed my mind how much more sassy she would have been coming up to 11.

"Going to get a new uniform and leaving her old school and separating from friends she had gone right through infants and juniors with, it's a lot to think about.

"I want Liv's legacy to be people having fun and laughing. Having these fun days and seeing everyone come out, even when it's raining, it means the world."

Revellers enjoyed activities including a tea cups ride at Dovecot Park in Liverpool. Olivia's aunt Kim Alcock said: "She would have been flying round here swinging her handbag, she would have loved it. We'll celebrate every year, she will never be forgotten.

"We'll always throw a party with all the balloons and presents. Her legacy will always live on. There isn't a day that goes by where we don't speak about her." In another local park stands "Liv's tree" – decorated with pink balloons – and grass trimmed into a heart shape around it.



SASSY Olivia was much loved



PARTY Tea cups ride for kids



MEMORIAL Liv's tree at her local park

Separately, on what would have been Olivia's birthday last Thursday, her family, friends and teachers transformed St Margaret Mary's Catholic School into Liv Fest. The school gates were also adorned with pink bunting and posters of Olivia.

The event raised cash for a second school minibus, decorated in butterflies and Olivia's favourite colours, pink and purple. Cheryl said: "It feels like her leaving a gift to the school where she spent so much of her life."

Thomas Cashman, 34, was jailed for life in April last year for murder.

He shot Olivia and injured Cheryl as he chased a fellow drug dealer into their home on August 22, 2022.

Mrs Justice Amanda Yip said Cashman relentlessly pursued Joseph Nee into Olivia's Dovecot home, where the schoolgirl had left her bed after hearing the commotion.

During sentencing, the judge added: "She came downstairs to seek the comfort of her mother. Her last words were, 'Mum, I'm scared'.

"In a terrible twist of fate, she had stepped directly into the line of fire."

Mrs Justice Yip said that Cashman had shown no remorse when he refused to attend his sentencing.

He was given a 42-year minimum jail term and last November his application for permission to file for an appeal was denied by a judge.

His previous attempt to gain permission to challenge his minimum jail term was rejected by a judge without a hearing in July 2023.

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CHERYL KORBEL ON TRIBUTE TO HER DAUGHTER

Quadruple amputee plans to hike daunting Inca Trail

BY **NICK FORBES**

A QUADRUPLE amputee is taking on Peru's 26-mile Inca Trail.

Cor Hutton was given a 5% chance of survival when she developed sepsis in 2013, caused by an everyday cough.

The 54-year-old had to have both hands amputated, as well as her legs below the knee.

She was the first Scot to have a double hand transplant.

She went on to set up the Finding Your Feet amputee charity and has completed fundraising challenges including becoming the first female quadruple amputee to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Now with her sights on the Inca Trail in the Peruvian Andes, the mum from Renfrewshire said: "It's not only a goal but a chance to prove that me and people like me can conquer what they set out to. This will be one of the toughest challenges I've taken on."

CHALLENGE Cor Hutton

Eid ceasefire by militants

A PAKISTANI militant group behind scores of gun and bomb attacks has announced a rare ceasefire during Eid al-Adha.

The Muslim holiday will be celebrated today amid a surge in violence.

The ceasefire announcement made yesterday would allow worshippers to attend Eid prayers without fear of attacks.

But Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, a close ally of the Afghan Taliban, said its fighters would defend themselves if attacked.



SUPER GROUP Anne, Maureen, Linda and Coleen own dance floor

We're in the mood..

Nolans celebrate Maureen's 70th

BY **ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD** Diary Editor

THE song list possibly included The Corrs and Sister Sledge, but surely the Nolans threw in their own hits when they danced the night away at Maureen's 70th birthday.

Maureen was joined by sisters Anne, 73, Linda, 65, Coleen, 59, and Denise, 72, on Friday night for the epic party at a hotel on Blackpool's promenade.

The following morning she said she was: "Completely overwhelmed at the love in the room. I have the best family and friends in the world. Special mention to my sister Denise who organised it all, while I was in America, you are totally awesome, Denise, and I couldn't have wished for a better night.

"Thank you also to Linda who continues to be the biggest inspiration in my life, who also helped with organisation. We all danced till we dropped."



MAUR THE MERRIER What 70 looks like when you're a Nolan

STARS Linda, Anne, Maureen and late sister Bernadette, with Coleen in middle, in 1978

After partying until 1am, she recreated her drunk speech from her stage role in Calendar Girls to the delight of guests.

Linda wrote in the Mirror last week: "Maureen had initially said she didn't want a big do. If there's such a thing, she's one of the shyer Nolans. But then eight weeks ago she changed her mind."

Arranging the guest list was "a little like pinning jelly to the wall", she joked. "Denise arranged the cake, my brother's paying for it. It's a real family affair."

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HIT IT! Maureen and Coleen sing

MANHUNT FOR HIT & RUN DEATH DRIVER

BY **MARTIN FRICKER**

POLICE are hunting a hit-and-run driver suspected of killing a 12-year-old boy.

Keaton Slater died at the scene after being hit by a BMW in Coventry on Friday at 4.30pm.

The driver failed to stop and the car was later found abandoned.

Dolars Aleksanders, 21, is now wanted on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving.

Sgt Rich Evans appealed to the suspect to give himself up. He said: "A 12-year-old boy has tragically lost his life. We need you to come forward and hand yourselves in."

Keaton, a Coventry City fan, was described by his devastated father Clint as the "light and soul of our little family".

In a statement, the family said: "We all will miss our fun-loving little comedian. He just wanted to make everyone laugh and smile. He was so beautiful inside and outside. "Life can be so horrible."

TRIBUTES To Keaton, 12

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PERISHED Suleman and dad Shahzada


OBSESSION Paul-Henri Nargeolet with Titanic model in 2013

DOOMED Titan sub

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Dad was Mr Titanic... he died super-happy

Daughter finds comfort a year after Titan disaster

BY **CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN**
US Editor

THE daughter of one of the five people killed when a submersible imploded as it made its way to the wreck of the Titanic says her dad died doing what he loved most.

Ahead of the first anniversary of the Titan tragedy tomorrow, Sidonie Nargeolet said her father Paul-Henri Nargeolet was "obsessed" with the Titanic.

She said: "His priorities were firstly Titanic and then family.

"He must have been super-happy. His favourite thing was to see the Titanic. He had a very good death. He died healthy, with his mind intact and living his passion. I think what he did is beautiful. It's courageous."

FINAL MESSAGE Sidonie Nargeolet

She last spoke to her dad when he arrived on the Polar Prince, the ship from which the Titan submersible was launched in St John's, Canada.

Sidonie, 39, said: "He told me his book on the Titanic was to be translated into English. He was happy."

At 6am the next day, she got a message that Titan was missing. She said: "I cried for 10 minutes."

Her 77-year-old dad was on board with UK billionaire Hamish Harding, 58, British businessman Shahzada Dawood, 48, and his son Suleman, 19, and the submersible's owner Stockton Rush, 61. The sub had just 96 hours of oxygen, and a rescue mission began.

On June 22, the US Coast Guard told the families debris found on the Atlantic seabed showed the craft had imploded on the day of the dive. It has since emerged that experts had raised concerns with submersible firm OceanGate about its vessel.

The US Coast Guard said it is still "actively investigating" the disaster. Of OceanGate CEO Rush, Sidonie said: "It's better that he's no longer around.

"It would have been hell for him to be alive with what happened."

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SHOCK Malcolm Blanche

Lucky OAP's four jackpots in lotto draw

BY **ADAM DUTTON**

A GRANDFATHER won four lotto jackpots in a single game with numbers used by his late wife.

Army veteran Malcolm Blanche, 72, initially scooped £66,666 on the People's Postcode Lottery.

But his Millionaire Street windfall quadrupled to £266,664 after getting three more cheques last week.

The dad of two and wife Carolyn, who died in 2019, bought two tickets each when they joined the draw.

Malcolm, who served in the former Queen's Regiment in Belfast, said: "She'd be over the moon.

"When I saw the first cheque, I thought, 'That'll do', then it came again, again and again."

He and 10 other lucky neighbours won thanks to their postcode in Folkestone, Kent.



ARTICLE George Webster

Mencap's Big Issue breaks fresh ground

BY **AINE FOX**

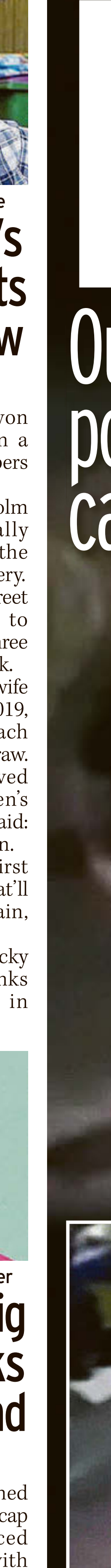
THE Big Issue has joined forces with charity Mencap for an issue produced entirely by people with learning disabilities.

Featuring contributions from the likes of CBeebies presenter George Webster and swimmer Jessica-Jane Applegate, the magazine is timed to coincide with Learning Disability Week.

Editor Paul McNamee said: "People speak frequently about hearing from those who are often marginalised in society.

"It's not about paying lip-service but rather wholeheartedly allowing a platform and offering assistance if needed."

Mencap's chief executive Jon Sparkes added: "This powerful collaboration puts people with a learning disability at the heart of every story."



DISGUSTING

Outrage over police driving car into cow

STREET HORROR Calf is run over by police car

RAMMED Police car being driven at calf

BY **MARTIN FRICKER**

OFFICERS have been condemned for deliberately ramming a police car into an escaped cow in a residential street.

Video footage shows the vehicle being driven into the 10-month-old animal twice.

Witnesses say the calf – called Beau Lucy – was not a danger to anyone. The police action has been called "disgusting".

The force says the driver has now been removed from frontline duties.

The owner of the 30st breeding heifer described the incident as "horrific".

Rob, who did not want to give his surname, added: "I don't understand why [the police] didn't use a tranquillising dart."

Rob, in his 60s, said Beau Lucy, who suffered grazes and bruises, is recovering, but he added: "Time will tell – we don't know what internal injuries she might have."

His partner Kate said: "It looked like [police] tried to kill [her]. She wasn't that out of control, just spooked." She called what the police did "disgusting".

Officers took action after reports of the heifer running loose. Home Secretary James Cleverly has asked for an explanation of what happened in Feltham, West London.

TV wildlife presenter Chris Packham said: "What sort of monster rams a calf?"

The RSPCA said the police action seems "disproportionate". Davinder Kaur, 49, a resident who saw the incident, said: "Everyone was shouting [to the police] 'Why hit it?'"

Chief Insp Sam Adcock, of Surrey police, said: "The decision to use the car was only taken after other methods to stop the cow failed.

"There will be an investigation but our focus... is on ensuring the safety of the public."

The matter has been referred to the force's professional standards department. The Independent Office for Police Conduct has also been notified.

APPALLED TV presenter Chris

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SOULMATES Tony and Sue

Tony Christie and wife's tender loving care for each other

BY **ASHLEY PEMBERTON**

MUSIC legend Tony Christie and his wife Sue have told how they care for each other while still being deeply in love after 56 years of marriage.

The Amarillo singer, 81, revealed he had dementia last year. Sue, 75, has fibromyalgia, which causes widespread pain and tiredness.

Speaking during Carers Week to highlight the challenges unpaid carers face, Tony said: "Sue is my rock. I can't imagine a world without her. Facing a future with dementia is hard but knowing I have Sue by my side makes it less scary.

"I look after her in many ways, and she takes care of me too."

Tony is an ambassador for charity Music for Dementia, which aims to promote how music can help people with the condition. Sue says she has never been prouder of how he has faced the condition and says he jokes about it on stage.

She might in future become his carer, adding: "We've always cared for each other in every way."

DMIST

Fostar mum

Linda's helped 300 kids over 33 years

BY **JEREMY ARMSTRONG**

MEET supermum Linda Garforth who has been fostering children for 33 years.

Inspirational Linda, aided by her twin daughters, has helped more than 300 youngsters despite starting to lose her sight 11 years ago.

Linda said: "If you have room in your home and your heart, pick up the phone and inquire. It's the best decision I ever made."

The 66-year-old single mum-of-three's kindness has been passed on to twins Christine and Catherine, who have fostered for 13 and five years respectively.

Linda, who would look after working pals' kids, felt she had to do something when she saw a local paper ad for foster carers.

She often cares for children until they grow up and adopted one. Linda said: "It's tough to say goodbye, but it's part of the job.

"Knowing we've made a positive impact makes it worth it. Fostering brings so much happiness. Each child is unique and brings something precious."

One little boy arrived with a huge bag which was virtually empty except for a small teddy bear which he gave her.

Linda doubts she could ever step away "when there are children who need me".

She fosters for Oldham council, Gtr Manchester. It said she had made a real difference.

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SO CARING L-R Catherine, her husband Karl who she fosters with, Linda and Christine

Flats blaze drama



BATTLE Crews fight fire in London yesterday

A FIREFIGHTER is hoisted on a ladder as others on a roof garden tackle a blaze in a tower block that left four people in hospital.

A four-bedroom flat on the third floor of the 22-storey building was destroyed.

Eight fire engines and about 60 firefighters were scrambled to the fire on Commercial Street in Spitalfields, East London.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and people were told to avoid the area.



MILITARY CROSS Bruce

Escape from Colditz hero gets plaque at birthplace

BY **JEREMY ARMSTRONG**

A SECOND World War hero famed for his escape bids from Colditz has been honoured with a blue plaque in his hometown.

Dominic Bruce – nicknamed "Medium sized man" as he was 5ft 3in – made 17 attempts to get out of Nazi camps.

His escape bids from the castle in Saxony, Germany, inspired TV and film tales.

The RAF navigator with No.9 Squadron was the only person to be awarded the Military Cross and an Air Force Medal.

His plaque was unveiled in Hebburn, South Tyneside, witnessed by representatives of his family, RAF squadron and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he studied.

The tribute is on display in Shakespeare Avenue, where he was born in 1915.

His first escape attempt in 1942 ended with his recapture a week later.

He made two more bids in 1944, and managed to have his firing squad stand down after warning: "After the war we'll hang you."

The dad of nine, a tutor, died in 2000, aged 84.

His eldest on Michael recalled: "He was a person of great ingenuity."

25% of kids too worried to fall asleep

ONE in four parents say their child cannot sleep because they are worried.

More than a third of youngsters wake up crying or upset, a study added.

Some 40% of parents say their child moves into their bed during the night.

A fifth of parents give the hormone melatonin to kids for sleep, added the University of Michigan CS Mott Children's Hospital.

Co-director Sarah Clark said: "Many young children go through stages when they become scared of the dark or worry that something bad might happen.

"A bedtime routine is crucial. When they don't get enough rest, it can impact their development."

Happy crew sing chim chim charoo

EVEN though the sound of it may be something quite atrocious ... Dick Van Dyke just doesn't care, still singing at the age of 98.

The Mary Poppins star performed with a cappella quartet The Vantastix as he and his wife Arlene Silver, 52, hosted A Magical Afternoon with Arlene & Dick Van Dyke and Friends in Malibu.

At last week's Emmys, Dick, who played chimney sweep Bert in the 1964 hit, said Arlene was "the love of my life".

LOVE Dick with wife of 12 years Arlene

FUN Dick sings on stage with The Vantastix

CHIMNEY POTTY As sweep Bert

GIO: I LOOK FORWARD TO CLEARING MY NAME

Dancer slams 'crotch' claim

BY **ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD**
Diary Editor

DANCER Giovanni Pernice says that allegations about his conduct on Strictly Come Dancing "are simply false".

After reports claimed that he grabbed his crotch in rehearsals, he yesterday said he is looking forward to "clearing my name".

He said: "I have always rejected any suggestion of abusive or threatening behaviour. The latest accusations are simply false. I am co-operating fully with the BBC investigation, which will determine the truth.

"I am looking forward to the conclusion of the investigation and ultimately clearing my name."

Giovanni, 33, is on tour with dancer pal Anton Du Beke. He will not return for the next Strictly series.

Actress Amanda Abbington, 52, his partner last year, pulled out of the series for personal reasons.

She has since claimed she was left with mild PTSD because of the dancer's behaviour. A legal firm acting on behalf of the complainants said that the broadcaster is gathering evidence.

But the BBC has not confirmed whether any probe has begun.

Giovanni denied the allegations in a statement in May.

DENIALS Giovanni Pernice

ON TOUR With Anton

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Vote on assisted dying law looms for new Parliament

BY **LIZZY BUCHAN** Deputy Political Editor

RISHI Sunak has joined Keir Starmer in committing to give Parliament a free vote on assisted dying.

Mr Sunak said he was not opposed to assisted dying in principle. But he said: "It's a question of making sure the safeguards are in place."

Dame Esther Rantzen, who has lung cancer and campaigns to legalise assisted dying, said: "I hope the next Prime Minister arranges for this to happen as soon as possible for the sake of everyone who, like me, has a terminal diagnosis."

Baroness Hollins, of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, said a recent poll of its members found overwhelming opposition to "assisted suicide".

And Dr Gordon Macdonald, of Care Not Killing, said: "Any change in law... would place huge pressure, real or perceived, on terminally ill and disabled people to end their lives."

PLEDGE PM Rishi Sunak

Countryside fuel cut plea

THE Lib Dems want the rural fuel duty relief programme to be expanded into 20 new areas.

The scheme, which cuts 5p a litre from petrol and diesel, currently operates in 21 rural areas which have high fuel prices.

The Lib Dems want Devon, Cornwall, Cumbria, Shropshire, Yorkshire, and rural parts of Scotland and Wales to be added.

Lib Dem leader Sir Ed Davey said: "People in rural areas have been clobbered by the cost of living crisis."

200 YEARS OF

JOFI THE THERAPY DOG

Chow chow Jofi was owned by Sigmund Freud and helped change attitudes towards the therapeutic benefits of the human-animal bond.

Freud started allowing Jofi into his psychotherapy sessions in the 1920s and 1930s.

He soon began to notice that she was a calming presence, putting patients at ease and encouraging them to open up. The difference was especially marked when he was dealing with children, who seemed more willing to talk openly when Jofi was there.


CHOW'S THAT? Freud and pet mutt Jofi, 1937

Sam Gaines, head of companion animals at the RSPCA, said: "Our pets have a huge effect on our mental health, as we saw through the pandemic.

"But it's also really important that we protect their mental health."

CHER AMI THE CARRIER PIGEON

Pigeons are not always the most popular birds, but they played a key role in the world wars by carrying messages across the battlefield.

Some were even awarded medals, while Cher Ami, a homing pigeon during the First World War, has a permanent exhibit at a museum in the US.

Flying through gunfire in 1918, Cher Ami delivered a message to stop the Americans firing on their own troops. The note saved lives. RSPCA scientific and policy officer Rebecca Machin said: "Many animals were sent to serve alongside British troops in France and Belgium – horses, mules, donkeys, dogs as well as pigeons.

"Pigeons are amazing birds and Cher Ami is one of the heroes."

WINGED WONDER Cher Ami

DOLLY THE SHEEP

World-famous Dolly, named after singer Dolly Parton, was the first mammal to be successfully cloned from an adult cell.

Researchers from the University of Edinburgh's Rosin Institute grew her from a single mammary cell, disproving the belief that specialised adult cells only had info to do a specific job. Use of biotech in animals has increased steadily since her birth in July 1996. It is still illegal to sell food produced from cloned animals but this will ultimately be permitted, under last year's The Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act, once animal welfare guidelines have been drawn up.



RSPCA animal welfare expert Dr Penny Hawkins said: "We are concerned about the harmful procedures involved in creating gene-edited animals, and the unpredictable and culture changes that can occur in these individuals." Dolly was put to sleep aged six. She had a progressive lung disease and severe arthritis.

ANNE THE LAST CIRCUS ELEPHANT

Kept in appalling conditions, shackled and beaten, Anne's treatment shocked the nation.

She was rescued from the Bobby Roberts Super Circus after secret footage caught the sickening abuse in 2011.

The outrage eventually led to a ban on the use of wild animals in travelling circuses which came into effect in January 2020.

After more than 50 years of physical and mental hardship, Anne is now being looked after at Longleat Safari Park, Wilts.

Darren Beasley, head of animal operations, said: "We all accept that her later years show clear age-related decline in movement. However, this incredible animal continues to amaze us all."

Darren added: "We are very proud of Anne as she continues to live here in her retirement home with the very specialist one-to-one care that she requires."

THE EMOTIONAL OCTOPUS

Heartwarming Netflix documentary My Octopus Teacher hit our screens in 2020, following diver and filmmaker Craig Foster who forges an unusual friendship with a female octopus living in a South African kelp forest.

The film showed her intelligence, outsmarting predators and her daily fight for survival, and revealed her curiosity and playfulness, following and interacting with the filmmaker.

The programme, which was viewed millions of times, came at an important time when the UK was debating the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill and



many, including the RSPCA, argued that decapod crustaceans and cephalopods were capable of feeling and needed to be recognised in the bill.

They were added to the bill, giving them improved legal protection.

RSPCA SUPERSTARS CELEBRATED

Fantastic beasts

We look back at the animals that helped change world

BY MATT ROPER

THE RSPCA has made a huge difference to animals' lives around the globe since being founded 200 years ago.

The world's oldest and largest animal welfare organisation began on June 16, 1824 when MPs William Wilberforce and Richard Martin met with other animal lovers at Old Slaughter's Coffee House in London.

While in its time the charity has helped change society, many of the animals it has championed have also had a huge impact on our world.

Here are some of the most remarkable animal tales.

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EEYORE HONOUR Bill Burns' donkey in 1822 trial

THE DONKEY THAT CHANGED THE LAW

When, in 1822, the RSPCA's founding member, lawyer Richard Martin, led a badly injured donkey into court, there were gasps.

The animal's injuries at the hands of defendant Bill Burns, were horrific – ribs could be seen through the flesh and large wounds covered its back.

It was the first ever prosecution for animal cruelty, and while the stunt was ridiculed, it symbolised a change in the history of animal rights.

Martin's pioneering efforts in passing the Cattle Act of 1822, which aimed to prevent cruelty to cattle and horses in England and was the first legislation in the world to protect animals, laid the foundation of what would become the RSPCA two years later.

The organisation has since helped to change 400 laws, improving animal welfare.

400 Number of laws RSPCA has helped change to improve animal welfare

LUCY THE SPANIEL

When Lucy was rescued from a Welsh puppy farm in 2013, after being kept in a cage most of her life, the five-year-old's hips had fused together.

She had a curved spine, bald patches and epilepsy.

But she was re-homed and become the focus of the Lucy's Law campaign to ban pet shops and dealers from selling puppies.

The law, requiring all dogs to be bought from breeders or reputable rescue organisations, came into force in 2010. David Bowles, RSPCA head of public affairs, said: "Although there are loopholes in this law, Lucy's story really had a part to play in highlighting the illegal puppy trade.

"Our rescuers are all too aware of the illegal puppy trade, rescuing dogs from unimaginable cruelty and hideous conditions. We call for stronger legislation to safeguard these pups," he added.

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TILIKUM THE ORCA

Tilikum came to the world's attention in 2013 as part of the documentary Blackfish, which exposed how orcas in captivity suffer psychological trauma.

He spent most of his life at Seaworld Orlando in Florida and was involved in three of the four fatal attacks on humans by orcas in captivity.

Tilikum died in 2017 but his role in the film brought the ethics of using animals in entertainment to the fore.

His death led to campaigns urging tourists to avoid holiday activities that might involve animals suffering.

Ros Clubb, the RSPCA's head of wildlife, said: "The tragedy of Tilikum and his trainers drew attention to the impact of animals used in entertainment.

"While the UK saw an end to the use of dolphins in the 1990s, sadly, Seaworld and other facilities around the world continue to exhibit orcas and other whales and dolphins who struggle in such a captive environment."

DMIST



NADA FARHOUD

Environment Journalist of the Year

Blame Atlantic jet stream for miserable June

WHAT'S going on with the weather? Why isn't it warm yet? Doesn't climate change mean it's getting hotter?

These are some of the questions I have been asked by family, friends and readers.

It's fair enough. Apart from a brief flash of sunshine, it has been a chilly and wet start to the meteorological summer, with temperatures well below average.

Even the Met Office has said it's finding it hard to pin down when the British summer is going to properly get going.

Last June was the warmest on record with London recording 32C on June 11. Last Tuesday it was 16C. On Thursday, many woke to temperatures of just 7C or 8C, while in rural areas it barely reached 2C. Overnight it has been rather cool too.

So it is cold compared to last year – but not strikingly so. The first half of June saw 130 ground frosts, compared to 143 for the whole of June last year. But we had 600 in June 2015.

The reason why it feels so cold is because of the Atlantic jet stream – a core of strong winds. By this time of year it should be north of the British Isles.



FORECAST Soggy

> "Global warming can mean we get wet summers with storms

Instead, it is stuck in the south. Dr Robert Thompson, a meteorologist from the University of Reading, explained how it is the biggest contributor to the cooler temperatures, bringing in cold air from Greenland and Iceland. The steam, he said, "wriggles around" to steer in winds from different regions.

He added: "It is not what you expect from June – but we have got so used to rising temperatures caused by global warming that we expect summer months to be warmer than average."

To put that into perspective, Dr Thompson explained out of the past 12 months, just three were colder than average.

He added: "What we are seeing isn't unusual, it's completely normal."

And while we expect things to be hotter these days because of climate change, he explained how that doesn't mean we won't have a week or two of cold every now and again.

Global warming can also mean we will have wetter summers with more intense storms.

"Extreme heatwaves are going to start to be hotter but we will still have cold starts to June," he said.



Iceland has granted a licence to Europe's last whaling company to kill more than 100 animals this year. It was hoped the practice might have been halted after concerns about cruelty led to a temporary suspension.



SHOCKING PIC NETS PRIZE

This large discarded fishing net was found lying on a reef at about 30 metres deep in Kona, Hawaii.

Volunteers from Ocean Defenders Alliance brought it up to the surface to stop any further damage to the reef and to prevent marine life from getting entangled.

It was captured by photographer Renee Capozzola and won first place in the 11th annual competition for the United Nations World Oceans Day.

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OUR STARS



DESERVING Child of Courage winner 2023 Freya Harris with Carol

WE need your help to make sure the country's most deserving unsung heroes are on the stage for the 25th Pride of Britain awards.

Nominations for the 2024 ceremony, again hosted by Carol Vorderman, are now open for all eight categories.

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If you know someone who has done something incredible, visit **prideofbritain.com** and fill in a short form. Make sure you do it before August 11.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code, left, to be taken straight to the form.

OUR DAILY PUB QUIZ

1 What's the missing word in this famous quote from Jaws (1975)? "You're gonna need a bigger______"

2 What is the capital city of Finland?

3 Who had a UK No1 with the song Stan in 2000?

4 Who wrote the classic novel Heart of Darkness?

5 What's the smallest geographical state in the US?

ANSWERS: PAGE 42

Battered & bruised



PURPLE PAIN... Chef lifts whites to show bruise

Before

After

Gordon Ramsay horror bike crash

BY **ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD**
Diary Editor

GORDON Ramsay shows off a horrendous bruise he suffered in a bicycle accident that he says could have killed him.

The TV star, 57, shared a video in which he lifted his chef's whites to reveal an immense purple patch on his torso, adding that his cycle helmet had saved his life in the crash.

He said: "Unfortunately, I had a really bad accident and it really shook me and honestly I'm lucky to be here."

In a plea to fellow cyclists, he added: "Honestly, you've got to wear helmets. I don't care how short the journey is. These helmets cost money but they're crucial.

"Even with a kid's short journey, they've got to wear a helmet now.

"I'm lucky to be standing here. I'm in pain. It has been a brutal week. And I'm sort of getting through it."

Gordon, who regularly takes part in triathlons and iron man races, was injured last week on a bike ride in Connecticut, US.

Pictures of before and after the accident illustrated how his helmet took the brunt of the head impact.

After treatment at the Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London, Connecticut, he lavished praise on the medical staff there.

He said in the video: "Those incredible trauma surgeons, doctors, nurses in the hospitals looked after me this week, they were amazing."

Gordon did not reveal the exact circumstances of the crash or say whether a vehicle was involved.

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THE DIARY

with Ashleigh Rainbird

EX-APPEAL Joey locks lips and gets to grips with old flame Grace

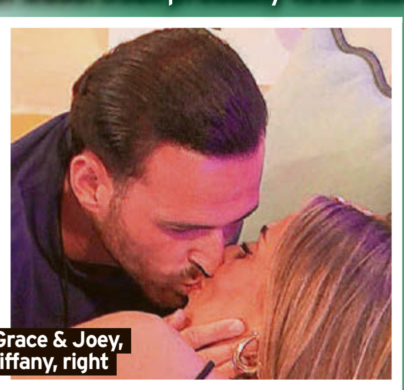
NO ESSEX, PLEASE Sam tries putting on a brave face

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Uh-oh, there's trouble in paradise...

Love Island's **Joey Essex** snogged his ex-girlfriend **Grace Jackson** after his partner, **Samantha Kenny**, slept on a daybed to avoid sharing a bed with him.

Joey and Grace met in Ibiza last year and had a fling but parted ways earlier this year. Samantha has been trying to put on a brave face since **Grace**'s shock arrival in the villa. **Ronnie** has annoyed yet another girl by snogging **Tiffany**, after deciding to pursue things with **Harriett** instead of **Jess**. Jess probably feels like she's had a lucky escape, now.





ALL CHANGE Grace & Joey, left, Ronnie & Tiffany, right

Taylor Swift celebrated 100 shows of her Eras tour at Liverpool's Anfield stadium by heaping praise on her team.

"My fellow performers and band have now committed hundreds of hours to putting on this show and giving their all on and behind that stage," she said.

She added: "I can't believe the work ethic, creativity and dedication I get to be surrounded with every day."

During her stint, ex-boyfriend **Joe Alwyn** spoke for the first time about their relationship. He said the end of a six-year loving relationship was a "hard thing to navigate". Must be even harder when your ex has the world's biggest album, written all about it.



Love is a gamer

Screen time is a worry for most mums and dads but Adele fears she's a "bad parent" for letting her son spend so much time online.

The singer admits it hit home when she introduced her 11-year-old son to some prolific internet gamers, and they were impressed with how much playing he did.

"He's a bit too young but I don't agree with the internet yet," she said, explaining she used her "Adele power" to get Angelo access to an event featuring his favourite web celebrity Spoonkid.

"I felt very, very cool," she boasts.

However, she told the crowd at her Las Vegas residency: "My kid completely held his own with these 20-year-old gamers.

"And they were clearly very impressed with him.

"And when he told him his hours that he's played it, they were like, 'Whoa'. And I was like, 'Oh, sh**. Am I a bad parent?'." The singer, who says she is desperate for another child, will be "proud as punch" if gaming brings Angelo a new set of friends, as games, including multi-player Rust, are his passion.

She adds: "People that I think of who play video games are like Call of Duty or Grand Theft Auto – which, no offence, is people that end up becoming zombies on things.

"But he was having very, very real, very smart conversations with them and strategy conversations with them."

She'll have to soundtrack one of the games to impress him.

> I'm just fed up with making Mr Prices
>
> **Katie Price says her exes gain notoriety for marrying her.**

Her caffeinated summer hit Espresso has proved so addictive, **Sabrina Carpenter** is on course for another No1.

Follow-up single Please, Please, Please, which features the star's boyfriend, Saltburn star **Barry Keoghan**, in the video, is heading for the top spot this week. Sabrina, you are single-handedly soundtracking our summer of 2024.

Having been sober for five years, **Lily Allen** now reckons it was booze and cocaine that gave her the confidence to write music.

She says: "Drugs and alcohol were very good at drowning out my inner critic. When you take cocaine you think all of your ideas are brilliant and need to be shared." After writing hundreds of songs, she doesn't feel like they were any good and so has no plans to return to music. She will focus on acting, she tells the Observer. Perhaps that's a healthier option.



12 Age **Pink** was when she got her first tattoo. "What were my folks thinking?" she asked the crowd in London on her Summer Carnival tour.

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TOP OF POPS Ed Sheeran

Sheer talent keeps Ed as most played

BY **CHARLOTTE MCLAUGHLIN**

ED Sheeran has once again been named the most played artist of last year.

The star had topped the list of music used across radio, TV and in public places in the UK for a seventh time in nine years.

The 33-year-old singer said: "Thank you for naming me the most played artist for last year.

"Thank you to my team, not just for me, but for all the other artists you work with – I'm happy that you get this recognition."

It is the second time he has made the list for three consecutive years after success in 2017 and 2019.

Taylor Swift came second, followed by Dua Lipa, Calvin Harris and David Guetta.

The chart is compiled by the music licensing company PPL.


SALE Karen, John and floor

Night Fever's floor a disco tech wonder

BY **CHARLOTTE MCLAUGHLIN**

THE illuminated dancefloor that John Travolta and Karen Lynn Gorney strutted their stuff on in Saturday Night Fever has sold for almost £260,000.

The iconic prop, which featured prominently in the 1977 disco movie, was the top-selling item in a Hollywood Legends sale.

A bidding war meant it exceeded its £236,000 estimate at Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills. CEO David Goodman said: "The movie excited the world once again in our sale."

Other lots in the auction, a collaboration with Turner Classic Movies, included a black Ceil Chapman dress worn by Marilyn Monroe to a 1953 event hosted by Bob Hope.

It went for £200,640, five times its guide price.


NEW LOOK Lee White is trim after slimming club move

I overcame my fear & lost 6st

Slimming club was key to a better life

EXCLUSIVE
BY **LUCY THORNTON**


A "TERRIFIED" husband forced to join Slimming World by his wife has reached their Man of the Year finals after losing more than six stone.

Electrical company boss Lee White, 53, was nagged into going to his local club by worried wife Lisa after his blood pressure shot up.

Lee said: "I was absolutely terrified. I told her men don't go to slimming clubs, they'd go to a gym to lose weight. I was so self-conscious."

But Lisa, 50, a teaching assistant, asked Lee to drive her to a Slimming World meeting, then persuaded him to come inside.

Lee's plan was to watch. But he said he felt at ease after two seconds of chatting with the group's leader.

And a fear his weight would be shouted out in front of everyone proved unfounded.

He added: "People clap when it is announced how much you've lost every week. It was fabulous."

Lee, who lives with his wife of 28 years in Doncaster, South Yorks, swapped sausage rolls for salads, and pie-and-chips for steak and swede mash.

After 5ft 9in Lee went from 18st 7lb to 11st 12lb, Lisa said: "I nagged him to go because I was terrified he was going to die. Now I wake up thinking, 'Who's that sleeping next to me?'" Lisa, who lost four stone, added: "I don't know if I'll ever get used to this new husband."

Lee said: "Losing weight made a massive change to my wellbeing and personality. I feel ridiculous that I was terrified to walk into that club."

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BEFORE 18st 7lb
AFTER 11st 12lb

> Losing weight made huge change to my wellbeing
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> **LEE WHITE** ON RESULTS OF SLIMMING CLUB WORK


WINNING TEAM Lee and Lisa on their big day in 1996


UNFIT Lee before his epic weight-loss effort

Bus banter is priceless even if I have to fork out £2

PAUL ROUTLEDGE
LIFE GOES ON

FORTUNATELY, I have two choices of bus to get to Airedale hospital for my CT scan.

Both go every half-hour, and not many people who live in rural villages can say that. It's what comes of having a main road go through.

That's the upside. The downside is the massive traffic overload, especially during the morning rush-hour. Where they're all rushing to is beyond me and I suspect beyond many of them.

But I digress. This was my morning trip to the scanner for another dekko at the aortic dissection that's wreaked so much havoc.

Because the journey is before my Gordon Brown Free Bus Pass kicks in, I must pay £2, fumbling in my little leather purse while holding stick under arm. It's a busy 8am 66 service to Keighley, and there are lots of people getting on, all paying passengers. What surprises me is that none of them pay in cash.

They all use credit cards, or faff around with their smartphone on the ticket machine. Even eight-year-old schoolkids have a bright yellow bit of plastic.

"Hold it steady," the driver urges one passenger who's waving her phone round like a magic wand. What a palaver.

Returning on the M4 bus that goes right through the hospital grounds travelling from Keighley into Lancashire, I get a Lanky wag at the wheel.

"Is is still only £2 to go to Burnley?" asks a lady customer. "Yes," he replies. "£10 to come back."

Priceless. No wonder Lancashire is reputed to be the spiritual home of the comedian, though I suppose the Yorkshire ghosts of Duggie Brown, Brian Rix, Harry Worth, Roy Castle and many more will rise up and contradict me.

LIFE live it well

Niamh Kirk was told she had abnormal cells after her first routine smear test. Here, for Cervical Screening Awareness Week, Niamh, 25, from Leicestershire, shares what happened, how she had treatment to remove the cells, and why it's so important every woman should have their test

Smear tests can be daunting, especially when it's your first one. And as crucial as they are, many women remain unclear on what actually happens during an appointment, and why we have them in the first place. So, as it's Cervical Screening Awareness Week, I'm here to share my story.

Every woman between the ages of 25 and 64 is invited to have a smear test, and they can be life-saving, as I found out. I was invited for my first just before I turned 25 and was nervous, but after some reassurance from my mum – and friends who had already had one – I booked myself in.

Smear tests, also known as cervical screening tests, are designed to check the health of a woman's cervix and also can help to find any abnormal changes before they turn into cancer. While most people's results come back negative, some can test positive for these abnormalities and I was one of them.

It's safe to say I am now a huge advocate for smear tests, and I would advise any woman to get one as soon as they can, because mine saved my life and I now realise the true importance of having one. While it can be a bit embarrassing and uncomfortable, it's five minutes that can stop cancer in its tracks and save your life.

FRUSTRATED

Like many other women, I had no idea what HPV (human papillomavirus) was and thought the test was to check for cervical cancer. I was left with so many questions, not to mention the overwhelming emotions when I got a letter to say I had "abnormal cells" and had tested positive for "high risk" HPV.

I had to do a lot of googling and speaking to others who had gone through the same thing just to find what HPV actually was.

Almost all cervical cancers are caused by HPV (99.7 per cent).

I was extremely frustrated there was no proper guidance. All I was told was I needed a colposcopy and potentially some "treatment", depending on the outcome of the procedure.

High-risk HPV essentially means abnormal cells have been detected, which over time could turn cancerous if not treated. There are two types of HPV positive results. Being high risk meant I needed the life-saving surgery to remove them as my body was unable to do so. Low-risk HPV means the body



SCREENING Niamh has peace of mind

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hould be able to naturally fight the ells off and return to normal. omen in the low-risk category just d another smear test in a year's ne to check it has disappeared.

Having the routine smear test was absolutely fine. It was over within five minutes. I asked the nurse about the results and she said I'd be sent a letter in a few weeks. She told me they checked for HPV, but I had nothing to worry about. However, four days after my smear test, I got a phone call from the hospital.

They told me my results had come back showing abnormal cells and I shouldn't worry, but I needed a colposcopy and possibly some treatment to eradicate the cells. They booked me in for the following Tuesday and told me I had also been sent a letter putting it in writing. I was impressed by how quickly it had all been put through, but nevertheless, I was petrified.

> I felt myself getting angry at the sheer lack of information out there

I was now convinced I had cervical cancer thanks to Doctor Google and felt myself getting increasingly angry at the sheer lack of information out there.

Only last month, leading charity Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust went into administration, after providing support for two decades – a crushing blow when



more awareness is desperately needed.

A colposcopy is a further examination of the cervix – a bit like a more in-depth smear test – where nurses are able to see if there are abnormalities in the cervix cells. Again, I had no clue what "treatment" meant in this context. The days running up to my appointment at the hospital felt painstakingly slow. At this point, I was so overwhelmed, I still felt certain I had cancer and I was struggling. When the day finally came for my colposcopy, they could see abnormal cells and told me I needed a treatment called a large loop excision of the transformation zone (LLETZ). This is when I finally started to get some answers.

The nurse was brilliant at reassuring me, and while I had no idea I was having surgery that day when I walked into the hospital, they did all they could to keep me calm. My mum was right by my side, and the nurse told me everything that was about to happen and that they were about to remove the part of the affected cervix. While it was all a blur, the only bit I registered was they were about to use a heated wire loop to remove the abnormal cells. According to the NHS, mild abnormalities don't always need to be treated, but if needed, the aim is to remove the abnormal cervical cells while preserving as much normal tissue as possible. They estimate that less than one in 1,000 women referred for colposcopy are found to have cervical cancer that requires immediate treatment. I was that one in 1,000.

CHANGES

LLETZ removes a small part of the cervix and it can be used to treat cervical cell changes (abnormal cells) or early-stage cervical cancer, as well as to diagnose cervical cancer. It uses a thin wire loop with an electrical current to remove the affected area.

Even though I was having surgery, I was an outpatient, but thankfully I had a lot of support and my own room. To say I wasn't in pain would be a lie – I was given a local anaesthetic in my cervix which makes me cross my legs at the thought of it – but it was over in under 10 minutes. I was so glad my mum was able to stay with me, I squeezed her hand tightly during the procedure.

On the LLETZ treatment, the NHS states: "Removing abnormal cervical cells is usually successful (about a 90 per cent success rate). You should be invited for a follow-up cervical screening test to check that the treatment has been successful."

And six months later, I had another smear test to check everything had gone smoothly. I was very nervous about the results, even though medics were almost certain the surgery had been successful. Luckily it was and I was so pleased to know I no longer had to worry. I now have to have a smear test every year, rather than every three years like most women, but I truly value the peace of mind this gives me.

If I had put off having that very first smear test, I would be in a very different position today.

If I hadn't gone for my screening, those abnormal cells would have likely turned cancerous, resulting in a devastating cancer diagnosis. Each year 3,200 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and five-year survival currently stands at 67.4%.

> If I'd put it off, the abnormal cells would have likely turned cancerous

The NHS Cervical Screening Programme was introduced in 1988 and in its first 20 years, contributed to cervical cancer cases falling by a third. This is why smear tests are important – they're the best protection against developing cervical cancer. They can prevent an estimated 75 per cent of diagnoses.

A more recent development in cervical cancer prevention is the HPV vaccination programme. The vaccination, offered to girls aged 11-17 since 2008, protects against 70 per cent of cervical cancers.

Don't be scared – go for your smear test. It could just save your life.

■ If you have any concerns about cervical cancer or smear tests, it's always best to speak to your GP. Find more information and support at eveappeal.org.uk/supporting-you and the NHS website



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DR MIRIAM STOPPARD

2 MINUTES ON...



How to deal with knock knees

What is it?
Knock knees is when there's a gap between your ankles when you stand with your knees together. It's common in children aged three to six and usually gets better on its own. Sometimes older children or adults have it.

What causes it?
Knock knees in children is a normal part of growth and development, and it usually improves as they get older.

But in some children and adults it may be caused by an injury to the knees or legs, osteomyelitis (a bone infection), arthritis, vitamin D deficiency and some genetic conditions which affect the joints such as joint hypermobility syndrome or Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

See a GP if:
- The gap between the ankles is more than 8cm when standing with the knees together
- Your child is very short or underweight for their age
- They're limping or having difficulty walking
- Your child is under the age of two or over the age of five
- It started when you were an adult, and one or both knees are painful, swollen, stiff or feel warm
- Only one leg is affected or the legs are different lengths; the problem is getting worse

What's the treatment?
Most children don't need any treatment and knock knees usually gets better as children grow and their legs straighten. Sometimes physiotherapy helps.

If knock knees cause problems such as pain or difficulty walking, you should see a specialist for assessment.

Rarely, surgery to straighten the knees and legs may be recommended.

Allergies caused by more than just disliking a food

Food allergy is a vexed subject. How much of it is a true allergy and how much is down to intolerance? People also tend to use the word allergy when all they have is a deep dislike of a food.

An allergy always involves the immune system which causes unpleasant symptoms in an effort to protect the body from the offending food (allergen). Common signs are an itchy mouth, and swollen lips, face, mouth and eyelids.

In severe reactions, swallowing and breathing are affected and may go on to full-blown anaphylactic shock, which is an emergency and you should call an ambulance. So how common is allergy? Less than you might think.

The Food Standards Agency in collaboration with Manchester University has carried out a large study into the prevalence of food allergies in UK adults.

The FSA project found more than 30% of adults reported a bad reaction when eating a particular food. When this was investigated further through a clinical assessment, however, it was found only around 6% of the UK adult population have a confirmed food allergy, much less than the 30% of people who thought they had. This equates to around 2.4 million adults in the UK.



> "Peanuts and tree nuts like walnuts are most likely to lead to a reaction

So which foods affect UK adults the most?

As you'd expect, foods such as peanuts and tree nuts like hazelnuts, walnuts and almonds are most likely to cause an allergic reaction. Many people also have allergies to fresh fruits such as apples, peaches and kiwi fruit. Some are associated with allergies to birch pollen, also known as pollen-food allergy syndrome.

Allergies to foods like milk, fish, shrimp and mussels aren't uncommon. Childhood food allergies persist into early adulthood, and then further increase with around half of food allergies developing in later adulthood.

Professor Robin May, chief scientific adviser at the Food Standards Agency said: "Through this research, we can see patterns, such as the emergence of plant-based allergies, affecting more people in adulthood, which is important for us to consider as we've seen the food system move towards plant-based diets and alternative proteins.

"The FSA remains committed to ensuring that consumers have clear and accurate allergen labelling to support people in the UK living with a food allergy.

"This report will help guide our future work on allergens to ensure everyone can enjoy food that is safe."

Can you stop an allergy from developing? Well, the pioneering work of Professor Gideon Lack of King's College London has shown that by exposing children to potentially allergic foods, including peanuts, before their first birthday, allergies can largely be avoided.

Ask Dr Miriam

Q I'm looking after my five-year-old granddaughter because her mum has sadly died of breast cancer. We're managing OK and I think she's going to be all right in the long run but I'm worried that losing her mum at such a young age could affect her later.

A That's always a possibility but you seem like a very loving, caring granny and I'm sure your granddaughter will thrive in your care.

We do know that bereavement affects a child physically in ways which may not be obvious. For instance, the death of a parent in childhood increases the likelihood of asthma. And there are other conditions that are linked to adversity in early life.

There's an interesting study from Sweden, which has extended over three generations, and it reports that being bereaved in childhood by the death of a parent increases the likelihood of not only asthma but other allergic diseases – eczema and some autoimmune diseases.

The increase in risk also depends on the child's mental health growing up.

My advice would be to shower her with love.

WHAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW...

UK commits to 5% antibiotic reduction by 2029



To help drive down antibiotic use, the Government's new five-year plan outlines 30 commitments, including developing diagnostic tools using artificial intelligence to help doctors accurately identify an infection and scope its management.

Surveillance for drug-resistant infections will be improved and research into new drugs and vaccines incentivised. By 2029 the aim is to reduce total antibiotic use in human populations.

CHARITY OF THE WEEK

Tourette's syndrome is an inherited, neurological condition, and its key features are tics, and involuntary and uncontrollable sounds and movements. Tourette's is a complex condition and a large number of people with the condition will also experience co-occurring features and conditions.

Tourettes Action operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and is the leading support and research charity for people with Tourette's Syndrome and their families. It wants people with it to receive the practical support and social acceptance they need to help them live their lives to the full.
tourettes-action.org.uk

SELF HELP

Gardening for exercise



Gardening is one of my favourite activities and I've been doing it my whole life. It not only lifts my mood, it's great exercise. Pulling weeds, planting seedlings, carrying a watering can or pushing a wheelbarrow are all weight-bearing exercises beneficial for our body, especially as we get older.

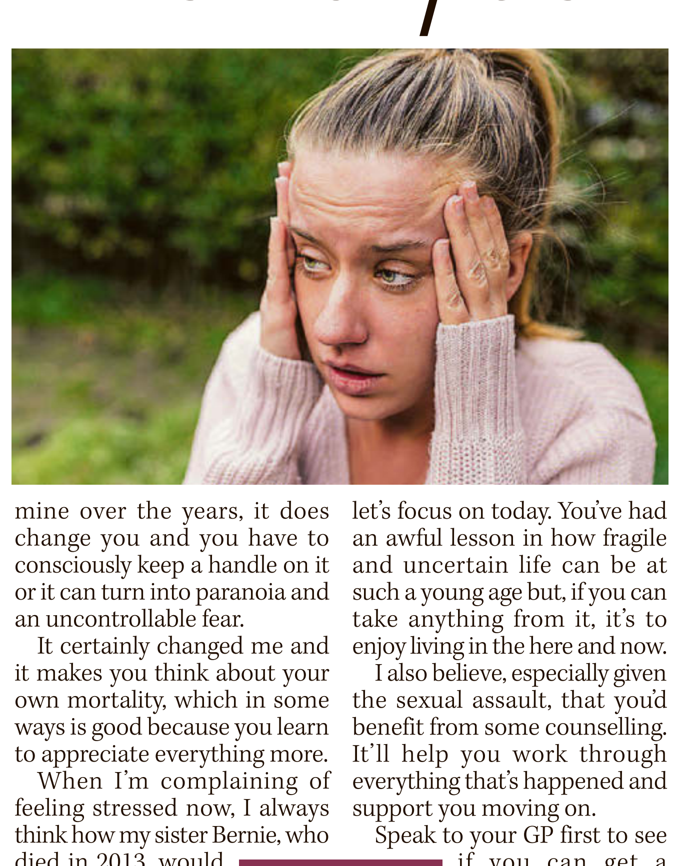
Gardening's a whole body exercise and you can make it low intensity or high intensity depending on your fitness, but bear in mind your safety. For example, when you're planting do it kneeling down instead of bending and put something under them if you have bad knees. When you lift a bag of soil use your legs not your back.

When you spend time in your garden, both your body and mind rejoice, and you can enjoy the fruits of your labour in a beautiful environment.

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DEAR COLEEN

I'm struggling to cope after such a traumatic year



Dear Coleen

Before I get into my problem, I wanted to say I'm probably one of your biggest fans and I'm only 18. I came to see you on tour in February and had the best time ever, and even had the pleasure of meeting you and getting a photo.

So, after reading your advice for other people, I'm now hoping you can offer me some words of wisdom to help me cope as the past year has been awful for me and my family.

At the beginning of last year I was sexually assaulted, which had a devastating impact. Then following that we found out my dad had cancer. After that my nana got cancer, then my uncle and my auntie too.

Thankfully, my auntie, uncle and nana were all treated successfully, but my nana still isn't well and may need another operation, while my dad is still waiting for his all-clear.

As if all of that wasn't enough to deal with, in February, my other auntie suddenly passed away at the age of 57. It was so shocking. I just can't help thinking, "What's next?" I'm always waiting for something bad to happen to the family again. How can I get control of this horrible feeling?

Coleen says

Well, I can relate to some of what you're going through. When an illness like cancer ravages your family, as it has mine over the years, it does change you and you have to consciously keep a handle on it or it can turn into paranoia and an uncontrollable fear.

It certainly changed me and it makes you think about your own mortality, which in some ways is good because you learn to appreciate everything more.

When I'm complaining of feeling stressed now, I always think how my sister Bernie, who died in 2013, would love to be here feeling stressed.

> "I was sexually assaulted and four relatives got cancer

So, that's how I snap myself out of stressful situations.

The worry is something that's hard to shake off but, here's the thing, none of us knows how long we've got on this planet or what life has in store for us around the corner, so let's not worry about what's going to happen in the future, let's focus on today. You've had an awful lesson in how fragile and uncertain life can be at such a young age but, if you can take anything from it, it's to enjoy living in the here and now.

I also believe, especially given the sexual assault, that you'd benefit from some counselling. It'll help you work through everything that's happened and support you moving on.

Speak to your GP first to see if you can get a referral via the NHS.

You can also search for a therapist at bacp.co.uk, the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy. There are also lots of good self-help apps available to help cope with anxiety and calm your mind.

I'm sorry about what's happened to you but you have a wonderful life ahead of you.

COLEEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Regularly getting worked up over situations damages your mental and physical wellbeing. Try to be less reactive by taking a pause and giving yourself time to feel calm and then think about how to deal with the issue. Most things don't have to be solved in the moment.

PROBLEMS?

Tell Coleen Nolan about them and she'll give you an honest answer... every weekday in the Daily Mirror

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Let's do this together

Edited by SIOBHAN McNALLY

Why keep two cats and kill a fly yourself? I've put away my trusty fly swatter as I have two bluebottle hunters trying to catch the flying raisins.

Fluffy white ragdoll kitten Ronnie Bin Laden may lack psycho-killer tortie Dan Dan's strength and agility, but he's not slow to fling himself at windows when there's a tasty morsel batting the glass.

Which is why I was amused to get a panicky call from The Dark Lord when I left her alone making dinner. "Ronnie has eaten raw chicken out of the bin. He's going to die!" wailed the drama queen.

"He'll be fine," I reassured her. "What do you think cats eat in the wild? Toasted sandwiches?"

"But I thought raw chicken was deadly," she gabbled, sounding unconvinced.

"Well I wouldn't feed a cat raw food in the main," I explained. "But Dan Dan would happily live off a diet of squashed mice if I didn't put out tasty kibble for her. And I know we're just human tin openers for Ronnie, but he supplements his luxury diet with disease-carrying flies, so don't worry about the Bin Rat, he'll be fine.

"What are you making anyway?" I asked. Then I really wished I hadn't.

"I'm making breadcrumbs for chicken," she told me, and I could hear thumping. "I'm bashing stale bread in a bag with the rolling pin."

"How's that going for you?" I laughed.

"Not very well, to be honest," she admitted.

"Well, it is a bit medieval," I told her. "What are you going to do next - thresh the wheat? You'll find a plastic box of crumbs in the fridge."

I left her to it while I returned home, expecting to come back to a kitchen spray-concreted in bashed breadcrumbs, but I was surprised to find it clean and tidy, and TDL had even left me a plate of dinner.

Years of TDL bringing home boxes of bogey cupcakes from food tech has made me nervous, but her homemade chicken in breadcrumbs was actually very tasty. "Quite the grown-up chef now, aren't you?" I teased, but I saw she was pleased.

Although still not mature in all areas of life, as we discovered later that evening at bedtime.

"Have you done your teeth?" I reminded her, as I do every single night.

"Yes," she said, innocently, as she left the bathroom and went into her bedroom.

"Oh really? What with? A medieval twig?" I asked sarcastically. "Because your toothbrush is on charge in my room."

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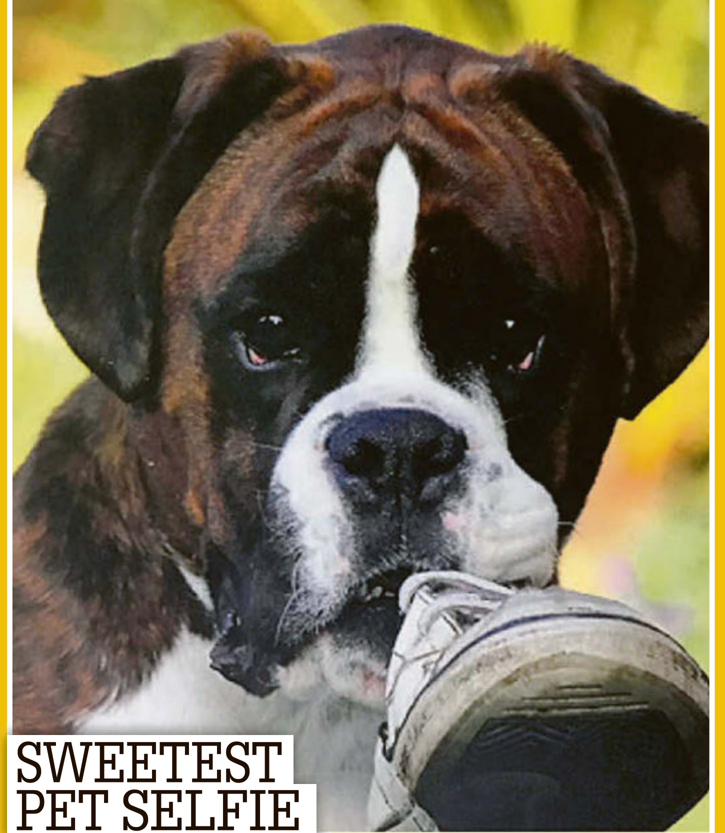
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Yours, Siobhan

And now a party political broadcast from the Greens...



SWEETEST PET SELFIE



"My lovely cheeky boxer dog, Frank, used to love stealing the shoes or trainers off anyone who came to visit," remembers Paula Phelan from Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

"He would be off into the garden like a rocket, and then the game of 'catch me if you can' would begin."

Six years ago, Frank sadly passed away at just seven years old from cancer.

"Although we now have a gorgeous boxer girl called Betty, we will never forget Frank and he is still missed every day."

■ Send a tribute to your late pet at siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk

MY FAMILY history

Miners were desperately needed in the Second World War to keep the home fires burning while war raged across Europe.

More than 36,000 of them had already gone to join the fight, but men like Malcolm Gibb's father, Robert, did their duty by digging for Britain and protecting their villages against bombs and invasion.

"This photo was taken of my dad in the New Brancepeth home guards in County Durham in 1940," says Malcolm. "My dad is in the middle row, fourth from the right hand side."

Reader Malcolm, who lives in the county's Bearpark, adds: "I was born at the end of the war in 1945 in Church Street, New Brancepeth, and I'm a proud miner's son. Dad's sadly passed away now but he spent all of his working life in coalmines nearby."

■ Tell us about your proud heritage by emailing siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk with photos and stories from your past.



MY PET PEEVES

While our cars might be getting better, readers complain that our driving is getting worse.

Paul McMahon from Manchester says: "My pet peeve is drivers who exit their car on a main road without first checking for traffic coming from behind. And I'm not keen on retractable dog leads either. They are a trip hazard, as I have found to my cost, twice!"

While Colin Whitaker thinks common courtesy is missing on the roads. "My gripe is motorists who don't indicate or say thank you when you let them in," says the reader from Bradford. "And I'm not too keen on people who wear their trousers at half mast, showing all they've got, and those who make annoying noises like sniffing, snorting and whistling!"

■ What gets your goat? Email me at siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk

Write to reply

■ My dad never spoke about the war but we knew he had been a driver of a landing craft on D-Day.

In 1992, when he was 76, we took him and my mum to Arromanches, Normandy.

We walked out across the sand to the Mulberry harbours. He just stood looking back at the beaches and very silently cried.

Later my husband said to him, "Charlie, shall we go to the museum?"

He meant the Second World War museum. My dad just replied: " No, thanks, I was there."

Even now it is horrendous to imagine what he witnessed that day.

Jo Moonan, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan

Ed: Your poor dad, Jo, and all those young men who walked into the depths of hell that day. We must never forget their sacrifice.

■ You printed my pet peeves on May 29 about "legs akimbo" which I pointed out was an incorrect phrase. However, Kevin has used that phrase about Ed Davey in his column on June 3. Does he read your page? I am an old lady but I do know what I am talking about!

Mindy Lee Woodford Green, East London

Ed: I think Kevin has probably been too busy with all the election stuff, Mindy, but I will certainly buttonhole him and tell him to get his akimbos in order.

■ Welcome back! I'm glad you had a nice holiday and a good birthday. The paper has not been the same without your excellent column. I always look forward to reading it and contributing when I can.

Alan Gill, Widnes, Cheshire

Ed: Cheers, Alan, and I very much appreciate yours and all our readers' contributions. Thank you for the nice welcome back messages, folks. I must have given some of you a shock when my page went on holiday as I came back to rather a lot of worried emails. I'm sorry I can't promise not to go away again, but you're not to panic and think I've done a Lord Lucan!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



I am from the working class. No amount of balsamic vinegar and Prada handbags could make me forget what it was like to be poor.

SUE TOWNSEND

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TODAY'S TV

with SARA WALLIS


PLEA Phil asks Sharon for quality time with Albie

EASTENDERS

BBC1, 7.30pm

It's Father's Day in Albert Square and Stevie, Jack, Billy and Howie head to the group fishing trip with their sons. Stevie wants the boys to enjoy the great outdoors and reconnect with their dads, so he confiscates their phones.

Phil feels lonely without Ben and Louise, and is further hurt when Denise takes Raymond over to No20 for some christening prep.

Phil asks Sharon for time with Albie, but when he sees a suspicious text from Linda, everything falls apart.


BACK Robin, Jenny, Rita and Ken

THE MASKED SINGER US

ITV2, 8pm

More celebrities squish themselves into ridiculous oversized costumes and masks to sing their hearts out for the panel.

Sitting in judgment on this American version of the show are actor and comedian Ken Jeong, TV personality Jenny McCarthy Wahlberg, and singers Robin Thicke and Rita Ora.

Nick Cannon hosts as an excitable crowd jeers and chants "take it off", after hearing a series of clues and questions to uncover the celebrity identities.

Let the rumours and guessing games begin once again.

More TV and film news online at mirror.co.uk/tv

Adopting a new stance


TRAUMA Sion Daniel Young plays Gabe, inset, Fra Fee as Andy

LOST BOYS AND FAIRIES

BBC1, 9pm

AS the conclusion of this stunning gay adoption drama arrives, we are still reeling from the shocking final scenes of episode two.

Gabe (Sion Daniel Young) and Andy (Fra Fee) had finally agreed to go ahead and adopt Jake, preparing for him to move in the next day.

Everything seemed to be falling into place and Gabe suggested they enjoy one last night out on the town together. A date on their last night of freedom.

Then the music kicked in and a montage began – TV red flags for "something bad is about to happen". And indeed it did.

While Jake slept soundly in his bed, we saw Gabe and Andy running through the streets, holding hands, kissing... there were fireworks. They blew each other a kiss goodbye as Gabe went to Neverland club to perform Come What May. As he sang the lyrics "I will love you until my dying day", Andy walked home through an alley and was attacked by a gang of thugs, smashing his head against the wall and collapsing.

As Gabe reached the crescendo of the song, the police walked into the club.

A gut-punch drama, expect more emotion as now everyone must deal with the repercussions of this catastrophic event. Gabe is sent spiralling, the adoption is put in jeopardy and Jake may never find his forever home.

Watch out for Gwyneth Keyworth in an outstanding scene as Becky, Jake's biological mother, as well as continued scene-stealing moments from Elizabeth Berrington as social worker Jackie.

This incredible drama will stay with you.

PICK of the DAY


WATCH OUT Sherrie plays Martha with Jeremy as Jez

HOLLYOAKS

E4, 7pm

Watch out for another bad girl in this long-running soap tonight.

Sherrie Hewson, famous for appearing in the Carry On films, Crossroads, Coronation Street and more recently, Benidorm, is about to cause a stir in this latest role.

She reveals that her character, Martha Blake, is unlike anyone she's played before.

Sherrie says: "I've never been an out-and-out baddie before – I just love it.

"I can be so evil, so horrible, it's fantastic. Although everyone needs a redeeming feature otherwise it can get quite boring."

Martha is the grandmother of Sienna Blake and Dilly Harcourt, and she's determined to keep her granddaughters away from another new arrival – Jeremy 'Jez' Blake.

Jez is the twin of the late Patrick Blake, played by the same actor, Jeremy Sheffield. Viewers will remember Patrick for manipulating his daughter Sienna and abusing girlfriend Maxine.

Sherrie says: "Jez is the most evil of them all!"

As these two newcomers rock up, brace for impact.

DEAD CALM: KILLING IN THE MED?

BBC2, 9pm

This troubling documentary delves into the dark rumours of brutality from special forces in the waters of the Greek islands.

Victims, experts and journalists speak out about growing evidence linking migrant deaths to the actions of the Greek coast guard.

If true, the Greek islands have become much more than a sun-drenched paradise for those living the holiday dream.

The rumours detail EU-funded boats carrying masked men, people being rounded up on land, forced on to coast guard boats and then abandoned in flimsy rubber dinghies at sea.

There are multiple cases of people subsequently losing their lives. Are these masked men responsible?

Against this background, the documentary looks at the tragedy of the Adriana, an overloaded trawler that flipped in front of a Greek coast guard patrol boat in June 2023.

More than 600 men, women and children died, while a billionaire's superyacht took survivors to shore.

The Greek authories deny involvement, but survivors blame the coast guard.


DEEP DIVE Documentary delves into actions of coast guard, inset, Adriana

Today's TV previews are on the previous page

All programmes are listed in British Summer Time (BST).

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BBC ONE

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Morning Live Magazine.
10.45 Scam Interceptors A woman who might have withdrawn thousands of pounds to post on to scammers.
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Featuring properties in Eastbourne, Grimsby and Worcestershire. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Two teams compete in and around an antiques centre in Elsecar.
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.30 LIVE **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Romania v Ukraine (kick-off 2.00pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the Group E match from Munich Football Arena.
4.15 Garden Rescue Creating a sensory garden in Luton. (R)
4.45 Antiques Road Trip Debut road tripper Hettie Jago takes on dealer David Harper. (R)
5.15 Pointless Quiz show. (R)
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Regional News; Weather
6.55 Party Election Broadcast By The Workers Party Of Britain.
7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Clara Amfo share topical stories and celebrity chat.
7.30 EastEnders Stevie, Billy and Howie go on a Father's Day fishing trip with their sons but Billy is concerned when Stevie calls him by the wrong name.
8.00 Panorama In-depth current affairs report covering a story behind the headlines.
8.30 Make It at Market Presenter Dominic Chinea and mentor Alice offer a woodturner and an upcycler advice on marketing their businesses.
9.00 Lost Boys and Fairies The repercussions of a catastrophic event changes Andy and Gabe's life forever, and puts the adoption into jeopardy. Will Jake find his forever home? Sion Daniel Young stars. Last in series.
10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.30 Regional News; Weather
10.40 MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights Alex Scott presents the latest action from Germany, featuring Romania v Ukraine, Belgium v Slovakia and Austria v France.
11.40 FILM **Stan & Ollie** (2018, PG) Biopic of Laurel and Hardy, focusing on the events of 1953 as the duo try to re-ignite their film careers by embarking on a gruelling tour of British variety halls. Steve Coogan and John C Reilly star. ★★★★
1.15am Euro 2024 Match Replay. Austria v France. A chance to see the Group D match from Dusseldorf Arena, as both teams kick off their campaigns. With commentary by Guy Mowbray. **2.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. A look ahead to the latest forecast. **3.00-6.00am** BBC News

BBC TWO

6.45am Bargain Hunt (R)
7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure In Barbados. (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Mammals (R)
9.00 BBC News
12.15pm Politics Live Reports.
1.00 LIVE **Tennis: Queen's** The cinch Championships. Clare Balding presents coverage of day one of the tournament at Queen's Club, featuring the first round. Carlos Alcaraz was victorious last year, losing his very first set in the tournament, but not dropping another one throughout. He then went on to win Wimbledon, becoming the first man to win both tournaments in the same year since Andy Murray in 2016.
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Jasmine Harman, Dave Johns, Suzannah Lipscomb and Jason Mohammad. (R)
6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes The actor explores the north-east of England, with former Newcastle United striker Les Ferdinand joining him in the first edition. (R)
7.00 Your Garden Made Perfect Tom Massey and Helen Elks-Smith come up with alternative designs for garden in St Albans, Hertfordshire. But the owners want different things. Presented by Angela Scanlon. (R)
8.00 Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby Monica Galetti and Rob Rinder visit Glenapp Castle, which is located near Ballantrae in South Ayrshire. The team at this five-star hotel have gone to extraordinary lengths to deliver a unique experience for their guests. (R)
9.00 Dead Calm: Killing in the Med? A look at the events surrounding the disaster off the coast of Greece in June 2023, when around 600 people were presumed to have died after a trawler overturned. Accounts of survivors suggested that the Greek coastguard was at fault, something the authorities deny.
10.30 Newsnight The day's important national and international news stories, with Victoria Derbyshire.
11.05 Hidden Treasures of the National Trust At Oxburgh Hall, on the edge of the Norfolk fenlands, two rare hidden treasures - a rat's nest found under floorboards containing scraps of clothes that could be centuries old. (R)
12.05am Sign Zone: Countryfile. In southwest Wales. (R) **1.00** Sign Zone: The Panorama Interviews with Nick Robinson (R) **1.30** Sign Zone: Springwatch (R) **2.30** Sign Zone: Great British Railway Journeys (R) **3.00** Sign Zone: David & Jay's Touring Toolshed (R) **3.30-6.45am** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain News and current affairs.
9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.
12.30pm Loose Women Debate.
1.30 ITV News; Weather
1.55 Regional News; Weather
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and his team are at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, where Mark Stevens is in high spirits when a Graf Zeppelin towel turns up and Simon Schneider sets his sights on a diamond brooch. (R)
3.00 Lingo Word-based quiz show, hosted by Adil Ray. (R)
4.00 Regional News; Weather
4.05 ITV Evening News; Weather
4.15 LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Belgium v Slovakia (kick-off 5.00pm). The Group E match from Frankfurt Arena, in what is the first competitive meeting between the nations.
7.15 LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Austria v France (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Group D match from Dusseldorf Arena, as both teams kick off their campaigns. Despite reaching the final of the 2022 World Cup and winning the 2018 edition, Didier Deschamps' France haven't enjoyed the same success at the Euros in recent years, and lost on penalties to Switzerland in the last 16 three years ago. They qualified for these finals by finishing top of their group, ending the qualifying campaign unbeaten and dropping only two points across their eight group games. Austria made it through to their third consecutive European Championship finals by finishing second behind Belgium in qualifying, winning six of their eight matches. This is only their fourth appearance at this event in their history, and they have yet to make it as far as the quarter-finals. With commentary by Sam Matterface and Lee Dixon.
10.30 ITV News; Weather
11.00 Regional News; Weather
11.10 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace Liz, who was left in a shopping basket under a hedge in Birmingham and Susanne, who was left in an East London phone box, search for their families. (R)
12.15am Shop on TV **3.00** Wheel of Fortune. Graham Norton hosts as Hannah, Samuel and Sophie compete. (R) **3.50** Unwind with ITV. Daily escape designed to calm the mind. **5.05-6.00am** Ainsley's World Cup Flavours. Cookery show in which Ainsley Harriott combines food and football. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.25am Cheers Double bill. (R)
7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.05 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.05 Great Canal Journeys (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News
12.10 Help! We Bought a Village (R)
1.10 Car S.O.S Fuzz and Tim restore the smallest car they have ever worked on. (R)
2.10 Countdown Greg Rusedski is the guest in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun Double bill. From Albufeira, Portugal; Jasmine Harman helps a couple to find a retirement home in Valencia. (R)
5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses Sharon and Steve are judges at a dog rescue charity's fundraising event.
6.00 Four in a Bed The competition commences in Leyburn in North Yorkshire. (R)
6.30 The Simpsons A construction project causes the local graveyard to be moved next to the family's home – to the dismay of Lisa, who begins to suffer nightmares. (R)
7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, sports stories.
7.55 Party Election Broadcast By the Labour Party.
8.00 Bake Off: The Professionals The four best teams from the last round take on pastry week. In their first challenge, the teams must turn their hand to viennoiserie, and make 18 pain Suisse and 24 savoury brioche doughnuts.
9.00 24 Hours in A&E The stories of three mothers who have triumphed over extraordinary adversity. One was diagnosed with cervical cancer, one has suffered the death of a child, and another bringing up a child who needed extra care.
10.00 Football Cops As England take on Germany in the Nations League, the team work with German police to stop the drunken revelry getting out of control as England fans enjoy the sunshine and beer.
11.05 24 Hours in Police Custody The story of a brutal premeditated knife and gun attack on the doorstep of a man's house in Luton, where the police fight against the odds to identify those responsible. (R)
12.05am 999: On the Front Line (R) **1.00** Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (R) **1.50** The Simpsons: double bill (R) **2.40** We Are Lady Parts: double bill (R) **3.45** Iris Prize Best British Shorts **4.00** Grand Designs Australia (R) **4.55** Frasier: double bill (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.15 Storm Huntley Debate.
12.45pm Friends Double bill. (R)
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Bree considers moving on. (R)
2.20 FILM **Revenge for My Mother** (2022, PG) When her assistant secretly starts exacting revenge, the perfect world of a woman who teaches post-natal fitness is shattered. Crime thriller, starring Sami Nye. ★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun James and Peter organise a coach trip to Nerja, a scenic coastal town just east of Málaga, and selling tickets from their shop in Mollina seems to have boosted the numbers involved. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5
6.00 Party Election Broadcast By the Conservative Party.
6.05 Police Interceptors A dangerous driver tears across the pavement. (R); Followed by 5 News Update
7.00 Traffic Cops PC Andy Swift is patrolling on the M1 when a car he flags down speeds off. A chase at speeds up to 120mph ensues. Sgt Steve Hughes uses his experience to help with a drunk man. (R); Followed by 5 News Update
8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders PC Jan Simlesa is called to a vehicle causing traffic chaos in the Tyne Tunnel, with workers having escorted the driver from his car, suspecting he is high on drugs.
9.00 Cold Call June Clarke loses the money from the sale of her house to fraudsters and attends a support group for victims of scams where she meets old school mate Des Grigsby. He persuades her to take a caring job caring. (R)
10.00 The Hospital: Life on the Line Joanna, 48, urgently needs a heart transplant, but her health takes a dramatic turn for the worse. Social work student Hayley, 21, has a rare condition and is facing seven hours of open-heart surgery.
11.05 999: Critical Condition Barry is brought into resus with suspected sepsis. Meanwhile, after her horse threw her to the ground, Lucy suffered significant nerve damage that could mean that she is paralysed. (R)
12.05am Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts (R) **1.00** Casino Show **3.00** Secret Scotland with Susan Calman (R) **3.45** How to Add 20k to Your Home (R) **4.30** Wildlife SOS (R) **4.55** House Doctor (R) **5.20** Entertainment News on 5 (R) **5.25** Fireman Sam (R) **5.35-6.00am** Paw Patrol (R)

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6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek. Teen drama. **5.00** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep

6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase

7.00 Deal or No Deal Gameshow.

8.00 *NEW* **The Masked Singer US** Nick Cannon hosts as three celebrities in elaborate costumes sing for panellists Ken Jeong, Jenny McCarthy-Wahlberg, Nicole Scherzinger and Robin Thicke.

9.00 Love Island The couples make the most of an unforgettable summer of love.

10.05 Olivia Attwood: The Price of Perfection Breast enhancements.

11.05 Family Guy Animated double bill.

12.05am American Dad! **1.05** Celebrity Karaoke Club **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.40** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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7.05am Sugar Showdown **7.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.35** Masters of Flip **9.35** Buying and Selling **10.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **11.35** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex **2.15** Dinner Date **3.15** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.10** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City

6.00 Masters of Flip A creative design.

7.00 Million Dollar Listing: LA Tracy makes big plans to expand her territory.

8.00 Dinner Date Leah is given five menus, each put together by a blind date.

9.00 The Real Housewives of Cheshire The Housewives join Brian Dowling to discuss Series 17. Last in series.

10.00 The Real Housewives of Miami Lisa's romantic night doesn't go to plan.

11.00 The Only Way Is Essex

11.50 Ready to Mingle

12.50-1.00am Unwind with ITV

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7.00pm Celebrity MasterChef Su Pollard, Rita Simons, Duncan James, Bez and Munya Chawawa compete in the first heat, which starts with a brand new challenge.

8.00 The Traitors US There's a new arrival at Alan's castle in the Scottish Highlands. The Faithful have a cunning plan to fight back, and one of the Traitors is in the hot seat.

9.00 *FILM* **Dear Evan Hansen** (2021, 12) Film adaptation of the Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical about Evan Hansen, a high-school senior with a social anxiety disorder. Starring Ben Platt. ★★★★

11.10 Dubai Hustle Double bill.

12.10am I Kissed a Boy: The Reunion **12.55** Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **1.40** Boot Dreams: Now or Never **2.40** Dubai Hustle **3.10** A Better Place **3.20-3.50am** Doctor Who: Unleashed

BBC4 Freeview 9

7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys A visit to the University of Glasgow's Officer Training Corps. He then heads to Helensburgh.

7.30 Villages by the Sea Archaeologist Ben Robinson visits Bamburgh in Northumberland.

8.00 Digging for Britain Alice Roberts visits a location in the Cotswolds.

9.00 Archaeology: A Secret History Richard Miles charts the history of archaeological breakthroughs.

10.00 Britain's Pompeii: A Village Lost in Time Excavating a 3,000-year-old Bronze Age village.

11.00 Queen Victoria's Letters: A Monarch Unveiled Conclusion. The years after Prince Albert's death.

12.00m't Treasures of the Indus **1.00** Great British Railway Journeys **1.30** Villages by the Sea **2.00** Archaeology: A Secret History **3.00-4.00am** Digging for Britain

5 USA Freeview 21

9.00am NCIS **10.55** Entertainment News on 5 **11.00** NCIS **1.00pm** Law & Order **3.55** Entertainment News on 5 **4.00** Law & Order

6.00 NCIS Members of an NCIS team are killed in an explosion.

6.55 Entertainment News on 5

7.00 NCIS Triple bill. The team is shocked when Bishop is implicated in an old NSA leak; the NCIS team searches for Gibbs after wreckage from his boat is discovered; a murder occurs in the classified section of the National Archive.

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Double bill. Benson, Fin and Stabler are haunted by past decisions; a teenager disappears after making a shocking confession.

12.00m't Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill **1.55** The Blacklist **3.35** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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7.10am Cop Car Workshop **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** James May's 20th Century **10.00** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg

6.00 Rick Stein's Secret France

7.00 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas With Ray Winstone and Rachel Riley.

7.35 Richard Osman's House of Games

9.00 QI XL With guest panellists Sean Lock, David Mitchell and Danny Baker.

10.00 QI With guests Susan Calman, Maisie Adam and Josh Widdicombe.

11.00 Taskmaster Joe Thomas grapples grumpily with some awkward hand-wear.

12.00m't Mock the Week. Comedy quiz show. **12.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.40** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.45** Live at the Apollo **3.30-4.00am** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Lovejoy **4.10** Tenko **5.15** Birds of a Feather

6.00 Waiting for God Tom opts for a policy of complete honesty at all times.

6.40 Are You Being Served? The staff's holidays are threatened.

7.20 Last of the Summer Wine The trio meet a man testing for earthquakes.

8.00 The Brokenwood Mysteries Mike and his team investigate the murder of a host from a hit TV series.

10.00 New Tricks The body of a missing computer expert turns up in a morgue under a false name, so Strickland asks the team to investigate.

11.20 Soldier, Soldier A football match is cut short when trouble arises.

12.30am Footballers' Wives **1.35** Lovejoy **2.50-4.00am** Classic Holby City

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6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill

6.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

7.00 Hollyoaks Cleo gets a promotion.

7.30 Come Dine with Me In Edinburgh.

8.00 Dance Moms A ballet school scout is discovered to be attending the finals.

9.00 Gogglebox Opinions on The Graham Norton Show. From November 2021.

10.00 Naked Attraction Singletons from London and Wigan choose dates.

11.05 First Dates A laboratory engineer sits down for a meal with a lingerie designer.

12.05am The Big Bang Theory: double bill **1.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill **2.10** Modern Family **3.00** Dance Moms **3.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **4.40-6.00am** The Neighborhood

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8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 Car S.O.S A 1992 Saab 900 Turbo.

7.55 Grand Designs Kevin follows an ambitious build in Cornwall, as Leigh and Richard transform a derelict 17th-century flour mill into a three-bedroom home.

9.00 PopMaster TV Contestants from West Yorkshire, London, Romford and north-west Wales take up Ken Bruce's challenge to recall facts and stats about their favourite chart toppers and beyond.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the popular quiz as Sean Lock and Roisin Conaty compete against Jon Richardson and Nish Kumar.

11.05 24 Hours in A&E A man arrives in resus with suspected internal bleeding.

12.10am Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.15** 999: On the Front Line **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25-3.55am** A Place in the Sun

VARIATIONS & S4C

WALES As BBC1 except: 1.15-1.25pm BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. By Plaid Cymru. **7.00-7.30** Nick Servini Interviews… **8.30-9.00** Wales' Home of the Year. In Mid Wales and the Valleys, the judges choose between a 17th-century barn conversion in Monmouthshire, a semi-detached in Ebbw Vale, and a Georgian restoration near Llandeilo. **10.30-10.40pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather

WALES As BBC2 except: 7.00pm The One Show. Alex Jones and Clara Amfo present topical stories and celebrity chat. **7.30-8.00pm** Digging for Britain: The Greatest Discoveries

MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News Meridian **4.00-4.05** ITV News Meridian **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News Meridian

CENTRAL As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News Central **4.00-4.05** ITV News Central **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News Central

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News Cymru Wales **4.00-4.05** ITV News Wales at Six **11.00** ITV News Cymru Wales **11.10pm-12.15am** Election 24: Wales Debate

WEST As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News West Country **4.00-4.05** ITV News West Country **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News West Country

ANGLIA As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News Anglia **4.00-4.05** ITV News Anglia **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News Anglia

WESTCOUNTRY As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News West Country **4.00-4.05** ITV News West Country. The latest headlines. **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News West Country

S4C 6.00am Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Sain Ffagan **12.30** Heno **1.00** Dan Do **1.30** Welsh Whisperer – Ni'n Teithio Nawr! **2.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **3.05** Cymru Wyllt Gudd **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh Sadwrn **6.00** Colleen Ramsey: Bywyd a Bwyd **6.25** Darllediad Etholiadol **6.30** Rownd a Rownd **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno. Magazine. **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.00** Y Byd yn ei Le. The latest from the Y Byd yn ei Le team on the 2024 election. **8.25** Garddio a Mwy **8.55** Newyddion **9.05** Ffermio **9.35** Ein Llwybrau Celtaidd **10.05** Gerddi Cymru **10.35-11.40pm** Prosiect Pum Mil

Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Euros. Round-up of the all the news from the 2024 UEFA European Football Championship. **10.00** LIVE **Tennis** The Berlin Ladies Open. Day one of the WTA event, a grass-court tournament that takes place at Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in Germany, featuring matches in the first round. Fourth seed Ons Jabeur fell at the first hurdle to Jule Niemeier at this stage last year, and eventual champion Petra Kvitova got her tournament under way with a victory over Karolina Pliskova. **3.00pm** LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** New Zealand v Papua New Guinea. Coverage of the Group C match from Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba, as the two countries meet for the first time in a T20 international. This is the final group game for both sides, with New Zealand looking to make it out of the group stages for the fourth consecutive time, while Papua New Guinea are playing at only their second T20 World Cup. **7.30** SSN Euro Matchday **9.00** SSN Euro Matchday **10.00** SSN Euro Report **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00** SSN Euro Report **1.00am** LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** West Indies v Afghanistan. Coverage of the Group C match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in Gros Islet, St Lucia. **5.30-6.00am** SSN Euro Report. Football news.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am Best of ICC WT20 **7.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **2.10pm** Best of ICC WT20 **2.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Sri Lanka v Netherlands. **3.00** LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** New Zealand v Papua New Guinea. The Group C match from Brian Lara Cricket Academy. **7.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **8.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **8.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **9.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **11.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **1.00am** LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** West Indies v Afghanistan. The Group C match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium. **5.30-6.00am** ICC Men's T20 World Cup

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00noon** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** EFL Cup Highlights **2.00** EFL **6.00** EFL Greatest Games **7.00** EFL Cup Highlights **8.00** EFL **9.00** EFL **10.30** Best Moments From The Championship Play-Off Final (1993-2019) **11.00** Best Moments From The League 1 & 2 Play-Off Final (1993-2019) **11.30** Jimmy Glass: The Great Escape **12.00m't** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** Retro League One. Charlton Athletic v Sunderland. **3.00** EFL Cup Retro **5.00-6.00am** EFL Cup Highlights

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am Spanish Women's Liga F **7.00** NWSL **8.00** Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree **8.15** Crouchy and Cole **8.30** Gallagher Premiership Rugby Union **10.00** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa. **11.00** LIVE **Ultimate Pool** Coverage of session one of the WEPF World Team Shootout, as the players compete in a fast-paced format of the game at the Grand Hotel Blackpool. **4.00pm** Crouchy and Cole **4.15** Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree **4.30** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa. **5.30** European Rally Championship Highlights **6.00** LIVE **Ultimate Pool** Coverage of session two of the WEPF World Team Shootout. **11.00** European Rally Championship Highlights. The Royal Rally of Scandinavia. **11.30** WNBA **12.30am** NBA Action **1.00** NBA on Fire **1.30** LIVE **NBA** Boston Celtics v Dallas Mavericks (tip-off 1.30am). Game five of the NBA Finals. **4.00** Serie A – Full Impact. Review of the 2023/24 season. **5.00-6.00am** TNT Sports Goals Reload

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am AFL **12.00noon** EuroCup Basketball **6.00** WNBA **7.00** Badminton **9.00** Fishing: On the Bank **10.00** Women's One-Day International Cricket **11.00** WWE Raw Highlights **12.00m't** WWE SmackDown Highlights. In Glasgow. **1.00** LIVE **WWE Monday Night Raw** Wrestling coverage, featuring the likes of Becky Lynch, Damian Priest and Gunther. **4.15** Ariel Helwani Meets. WWE star Sami Zayn. **5.30-6.00am** TNT Sports Cricket Reload

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am World Superbikes **7.00** Bennetts British Superbikes **8.00** Cycling: Tour of Slovenia **9.00** Cycling: Tour of Switzerland **10.00** Roland-Garros **11.00** Mountain Biking **1.00pm** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **2.00** LIVE **Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland** Stage three, which follows a route of 125.6km from Vevey to Champagne. **4.15** Ultramarathon. Trail Menorca 2024. **4.45** Skateboarding: Concrete Dreams **5.00** Teqball Show **5.30** Roland-Garros. Carlos Alcaraz v Alexander Zverev in the men's singles final. **7.00** Cliff Diving **8.00** Women's Tour of Switzerland **9.00** Mountain Biking **10.00** Mountain Biking **11.00** Women's Tour of Switzerland **12.00m't** Speedway Grand Prix **1.00** Cliff Diving **3.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland. Stage three. **4.00-6.00am** Mountain Biking

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.30** The Royal **11.35** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **5.55** Heartbeat **8.00** McDonald & Dodds **10.00** Wire in the Blood **11.50** The Royal **12.40-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am World of Sport **6.20** Minder **7.10** The Sweeney **8.10** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.20** Magnum, PI **10.20** Kojak **11.25** BattleBots **12.25pm** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **1.35** Magnum, PI **2.35** Kojak **3.40** Minder **4.45** The Sweeney **5.55** BattleBots **6.55** River Monsters **7.30** Royal Ascot: Queens of the Turf **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** The 1% Club **10.00** FILM The Expendables (2010/15) ★★★★ **12.05am** Motorsport UK **1.00** Auto Mundial **1.25** Motorsport Mundial **1.55** From Dusk Till Dawn **2.45-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **9.00** Ambulance: Code Red **10.00** Serial Killer Wives **11.00** Accused: Masked Attacker or Mistaken Identity? **12.00m't** Accused: Jealous Shooter or Innocent Fall Guy? **1.00** Skin A&E **2.00** A&E: Crash Scene Emergency **2.50** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **3.35-4.00am** Home and Away

REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Travelling Auctioneers **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00-4.00am** Teleshopping

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Entertainment News on 5 **9.05** Outback Truckers **10.05** Traffic Cops **11.05** Police Interceptors **12.05pm** FILM Rage at Dawn (1955/U) ★★ **1.55** FILM California (1946/PG) ★★ **4.00** Outback Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** FILM Dirty Harry (1971/15) ★★★★★ **11.10** FILM Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009/18) ★★★ **1.15am** Fights, Camera, Action! **2.15-4.00am** Trucking Hell

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Giselle **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Ian McKellen **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Cold War & Cinema **3.00** Lenny Henry's Got the Blues **4.00** Discovering: Ed Harris **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Andre Rieu: Happy Days Are Here Again

The Cleaning Lady
Sky Witness, 9pm
Arman and Nadia (Eva De Dominici, left) take control of their drug-selling venture. Plus, Garrett comes closer to solving the Cortes case and Fiona works on her new cleaning business.

11.00 Gods of the Game. Opera set in the world of football. **12.45am** Pavarotti: A Voice for the Ages **2.00** Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir: Kids Special **3.00** Portrait Artist of the Year: The Exhibition **4.00-5.00am** Cheltenham Literature Festival

GOLD

7.10am The Fosters **8.05** Are You Being Served? **8.40** The Green Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours **2.35** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.35** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The Thin Blue Line **9.20** dinnerladies **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Bottom **11.20** The Office **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** dinnerladies **2.00** The Royle Family **2.40** Bottom **3.10-4.00am** The Office

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Classic Car Garage **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **9.00** Princes in the Tower: Lucy Worsley Investigates **10.00** Bangers & Cash. Expertly crafted batmobile replicas. **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Abandoned Engineering **2.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Transport Museum

ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary. The arrival of Sherlock's brother causes tension. **8.00** Father Brown **10.00** Death in Paradise. Humphrey investigates a suspected poisoning. **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.15** Unforgettable **2.20-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY MAX

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** Flintoff: Lord of the Fries **9.00** FILM No Escape (2015/15) ★★★ **11.00** The Walking Dead **1.00am** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **2.00-3.00am** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am The Guest Wing **8.00** Six Feet Under **10.00** Billions **11.05** Gomorrah **12.10pm** Game of Thrones **1.25** The Sopranos **3.35** Six Feet Under **5.45** Gomorrah **8.00** House of the Dragon: War Room **9.00** House of the Dragon **10.10** The Sympathizer **11.20** House of the Dragon **12.30am** Succession **1.45** Game of Thrones **3.15-4.15am** In Treatment

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Air Ambulance ER **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** 999 Frontline **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Cleaning Lady **10.00** Coroner **11.00** The Rookie **1.00am** FBI: Most Wanted **2.00** The Equalizer **3.00** FBI: Most Wanted **4.00-5.00am** The Force: Manchester

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Entourage **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **9.45** Silicon Valley **11.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.45** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.55am** Sex and the City **2.15** Sort Of **3.15** Flatbush Misdemeanors **3.45-5.00am** High Maintenance

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Building Off the Grid **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Demolition Down Under **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Demolition Down Under **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Supertruckers **9.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour **10.00** Roadworthy Rescues **11.00** Outback Truckers **12.00m't** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour **2.00** Roadworthy Rescues **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Dinosaurs from the Deep: Drain the Oceans **11.00** Airport Security: Colombia **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00pm** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Erased: WWII Heroes of Colour **9.00** To Catch a Smuggler **10.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Situation Critical **1.00** Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Lords of War **4.10-5.00am** Exotic Animal ER

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.30am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Sam and Danni **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean and Nat **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Future Artists with Sian Eleri **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Rock Show with Daniel P Carter **1.00am** BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 1 with Alyx Holcombe **2.00** Radio 1's Future Alternative **3.00** Radio 1 Relax in Love **4.00-5.00am** Radio 1 Dance

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Blues Show with Cerys Matthews **10.00** DJ Spoony's Magnificent 7 **10.30** DJ Spoony's Rhythm Nation **12.00m't** OJ Borg **2.30** One Hit Wonders with OJ Borg **3.00-4.00am** Pick of the Pops

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Dvorak **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: The Sounds of Tyne **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

CHOICE

Radio 3 In Concert
Radio 3, 7.30pm
To mark 17 years of the Aldeburgh Festival concert, Martin Handley presents a recreation of the first year's bill. On the programme is music by Purcell, Handel and Britten, as well as a new trumpet concerto by Robin Haigh written for Matilda Lloyd and Britten Sinfonia. Jessica Cottis conducts.

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** Start the Week **9.45** Oliver Burkeman's Inconvenient Truth **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Writing the Universe **11.45** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Fags, Mags and Bags **2.45** Gambits **3.00** A Good Read **3.30** The Failure of the Future **4.00** Living without My Smartphone **4.30** The Kitchen Cabinet **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Briefing Room **8.30** BBC Inside Science **9.00** Start the Week **9.45** Assume Nothing: The Shankill Gold Rush **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Jensen: The Bellevue Poltergeist **11.00** Harland **11.30** The South Asian Shift **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00-5.20am** As BBC World Service

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Naga Munchetty **1.00pm** 5 Live Sport **2.00** 5 Live Sport **4.00** News **4.30** 5 Live Sport **5.00** 5 Live Sport **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** Gordon Smart: Live from Euro 2024 **11.30** Johnny I'Anson **1.00-5.00am** Dotun Adebayo

BBC RADIO WALES

FM: 94.6MHz 6.00am Radio Wales News Update **6.05** Wake Up with Radio Wales **6.30** Radio Wales Arts Show **7.00** Radio Wales Breakfast **9.00** Bronwen Lewis **12.00noon** The Phone In **2.00** Behnaz Akhgar **5.00** Radio Wales Drive **6.30** Robert Earnshaw: My Mum, the Football Hero **7.00** Huw Stephens **10.00** Eleri Sion **12.00m't** Relax with Radio Wales **1.00-6.00am** As Radio 5 Live

CLASSIC FM

100-102MHz 6.30am Breakfast with Dan Walker **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Dan Walker **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Sam Pittis **7.00** Relaxing Evenings **10.00** Calm Classics **1.00-4.00am** Bill Overton

ABSOLUTE RADIO

DAB 6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00-6.00am** Dan Noble

Movies

FILM4

11.00am Three Hours to Kill (1954/PG) Western, starring Dana Andrews. ★★★★
12.35pm Cover Girl (1944/U) Musical comedy, with Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly. ★★★★
2.45 True Grit (1969/PG) Western, starring John Wayne and Kim Darby. ★★★★
5.20 Gideon of Scotland Yard (1958/PG) Police drama, starring Jack Hawkins. ★★★★
7.15 Men in Black II (2002/PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. ★★
9.00 Monster Hunter (2020/12) Cpt Artemis and her soldiers are transported to a new world, and engage in a battle for survival against enormous enemies. Fantasy adventure, starring Milla Jovovich. ★★
11.05 Limbo (2020/12) Comedy drama, starring Sidse Babett Knudsen. ★★★
1.10-3.35am Shoplifters (2018/15) Drama, starring Lily Franky and Sakura Ando. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.35am Bonus Track (2023/15) See 2.00pm for details. ★★★
8.25 The Great Escaper (2023/12) See 3.50pm for details. ★★★★
10.15 Am I OK? (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson, Sonoya Mizuno and Jermaine Fowler. ★★★
12.00noon American Star (2024/15) See 10.00pm for details. ★★★
2.00pm Bonus Track (2023/15) Comedy, starring Joe Anders and Samuel Small. ★★★
3.50 The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, with Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. ★★★★
5.40 Blue Beetle (2023/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Xolo Mariduena. ★★★
8.00 Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) When a mining operation unleashes a school of megalodon sharks, rescue expert Jonas Taylor attempts to save the day. Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. ★★★
10.00 American Star (2024/15) Thriller, starring Ian McShane and Nora Arnezeder. ★★★
12.00m't Ruthless (2023/15) Action thriller, with Dermot Mulroney and Jeff Fahey. ★★★★
1.40am The Exorcist: Believer (2023/15) Horror sequel, starring Leslie Odom Jr. ★★★
3.40-6.00am Ride On (2023/PG) Action drama, starring Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

5.45pm Ferrari (2023/15) Drama, starring Adam Driver and Jack O'Connell. ★★★★
8.00 Terms of Endearment (1983/15) Drama, with Shirley MacLaine. ★★★★★
10.20 When Tomorrow Comes (1939) Drama, with Charles Boyer and Irene Dunne. ★★★★
12.05am Ray (2004/15) Drama, starring Jamie Foxx and Regina King. ★★★★
2.45 Ferrari (2023/15) See 5.45pm for details. ★★★★
5.00-7.15am She Said (2022/15) Drama, with Carey Mulligan and Patricia Clarkson. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm Johnny English (2003/PG) Spy comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. ★★★★
5.35 Matilda (1996/PG) Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson. ★★★★
7.25 Addams Family Values (1993/PG) Comedy sequel, with Anjelica Huston. ★★★★
9.05 The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004/U) Children's animated comedy, featuring the voice of Tom Kenny. ★★★★
10.45 The Karate Kid (2010/PG) Martial arts drama, starring Jaden Smith. ★★★
1.15am Mee-Shee: the Water Giant (2005/PG) Children's fantasy, with Daniel Magder. ★★
3.05 Robo-Dog: Airborne (2017/U) Family adventure sequel, starring Michael Campion and Patrick Muldoon. ★★★
4.50-6.40am Breaking Point (2023/12) Drama, with Kelvin Clarke and Karam Singh. ★★★

TALKING PICTURES TV

4.05pm Rebecca (1940/PG) Alfred Hitchcock's romantic thriller, with Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine and Judith Anderson. ★★★★★
7.00 The Footage Detectives Memories of Hartley Hare and Make Do and Mend.
8.00 Enemy at the Door A retired diplomat refuses to share government information.
9.05 Element of Doubt (1996/15) Thriller, starring Nigel Havers and Polly Adams. ★★
11.15 Mountains of the Moon (1990/15) Epic period drama, starring Patrick Bergin. ★★★
2.00am Maigret Mystery, with Bruno Cremer.
4.00-5.00am Justice Legal drama series.

GREAT! MOVIES

5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Signed Sealed Delivered (2013/PG) Mystery, with Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★★
7.05 Lost Letter Mysteries: Time To Start Livin' (2014/PG) Thriller, starring Eric Mabius, Kristin Booth and Yan-Kay Crystal Lowe. ★★
9.00 Night Hunter (2018/15) Thriller, starring Henry Cavill and Ben Kingsley. ★★★
11.10pm Into the Ashes (2019/15) Thriller, with Frank Grillo and Marguerite Moreau. ★★★
1.05am The Winter Soldier (2016/15) Sci-fi adventure, starring Paul Sidhu. ★★
4.00-6.00am A Wedding to Die For (2019/PG) Thriller, starring Christa B Allen. ★★★



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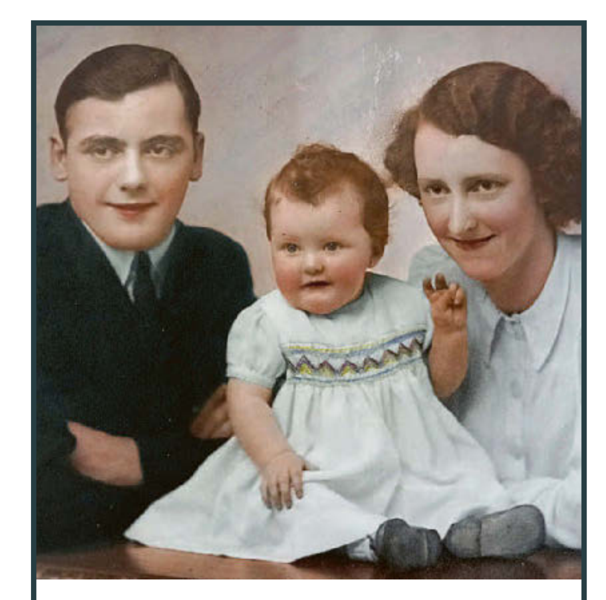
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YOUR VOICE

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Treasured memories

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YOUR MEMORIES

The 80th anniversary of D-Day brings back memories of my beloved parents, John and Irene Whalley, who are pictured with me as a baby. My father was in the Navy and mother was in the Wrens.

My mum always said I am giving the Churchill victory sign in the picture.

I celebrated my 80th birthday on Saturday.

Elaine Raw, Nelson, Lancs

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THE BIG QUESTION



Every day we'll be asking your opinion on one of Britain's big talking points. You can have your say and vote at mirror.co.uk

There are concerns for President Biden after he appeared to wander off during a parachute display for G7 leaders. The US leader seemed distracted in video footage. Italian PM Giorgia Meloni then brought the 81-year-old back to watch. He is set to face former president Donald Trump in November's US election.

Do you think Biden will win the election?

YES 26%

NO 74%

No. Oh dear. He should retire. Can a president of the United States retire with bad health?
PRIMAVERALA

Yes. If Trump gets back in, Putin will see that as an opportunity to march across Europe. Trump will defund Ukraine, effectively opening the door.
SHEEPLESHEPHERD

No. He's not fit to be in charge of one of the most powerful countries in the world.
JULIDEBEE

Yes. Latest credible polling shows Biden at 53% over Trump's 47%. There may yet be hope for America.
GHOSTWRITER

No. Sadly he is 'absent' even when he is present. Worrying, isn't it?
ELENBACH

Yes. Anyone is better than Trump.
BLUEY12

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Turn the page for brighter chapter

THE BIG ISSUE

With just two weeks until the General Election, Keir Starmer has launched Labour's manifesto urging voters to "turn the page" on 14 years of Tory chaos. The Labour leader revealed the party's blueprint for No10 and said it was now the time to "change Britain" and "begin the work of national renewal". Wealth creation is his "number one priority", with the manifesto ruling out hikes to VAT, income tax, or National Insurance. You say...

■ KEIR Starmer is determined not to make the same mistake as Jeremy Corbyn by promising too much without explaining where the money will come from.

He and Rachel Reeves are making sure they are seen as being responsible with the economy, unlike other parties, who have vast amounts of unfunded spending in their manifestos.

Labour are right to rule out increasing taxes on people still struggling. They are also right to do as much as they can to encourage the private sector investment that is needed to increase productivity.

With growth in the private sector, tax revenues can increase and fund shortfalls in the public finances. In the short run that can only be done by increasing borrowing or printing money. Too much of either would undermine their economic credibility.

Brett Grainger, Rugeley, Staffs

■ The ITV political debate was very interesting. Farage again pointed out he wants to be the main opposition, assuming he's eighth time lucky in getting a seat.

If the Labour landslide happens, there still needs to be some sort of opposition. All democratic governments need them.

An opposition coalition could force smaller parties to find common ground and have a voice.

Geoff Willmetts
Bridgwater, Somerset

■ Regarding who should be PM: Starmer or Sunak. Which captain would you hire to be in charge of your new ship if there were only two applicants. Which one has an excellent employment record and shown the best leadership and picked the best crew? Which one puts passengers first? No contest.

The job is Keir Starmer's.

Marcia Edwards
Ruthin, Denbighshire

■ With the election just around the corner, I think the SNP is only interested in splitting and ruling Scotland, only they would probably be broke economically in a year.

The Lib Dems formed a coalition with the Tories and we all saw how well that went. Plaid Cymru, enough said. If the Green Party gets in we go back 100 years.

Reform? Sorry, you can't deport everyone you don't like. I agree with a lot they say but it is not feasible.

Labour is the only chance the country has to get out of this mess the Tories have made.

Eric Roberts, St Helens, Lancs

■ It's been suggested Keir Starmer comes across as robotic. That implies someone who is rational, logical and systematic who could return stability to the country.

The complete opposite to Rishi Sunak who is panicking.

John Sedgwick, Tamworth, Staffs

■ The words on everyone's lips: super wipeout! Even Defence Secretary Grant Shapps says Labour is on for a supermajority.

It will be a new dawn for the people by the people who want change and trust in their government at last.

Reg Barrett, Southminster, Essex

New roles for talented Olly

How wonderful to see Olly Murs, his wife Amelia and new baby daughter Madison in the paper (Mirror, June 11).

With all the general election stories around, it was lovely to see such beautiful pictures of the talented singer and his gorgeous little family.

I have followed Olly's career since he was discovered on The X Factor and to see him settled down is heartwarming.

He has recently been supporting Take That on tour which must have been hard, given the new baby at home.

I think he deserves his own TV show as he is also a great presenter too. Good luck to him and the family.

Connor Phillips
Corby, Northamptonshire

Not worth the gamble

■ With less than three weeks before the polling stations open, I cannot believe yet another Tory is under investigation. This time it is Craig Williams, who is a top aide for Rishi Sunak.

The Gambling Commission is looking into an alleged £100 bet he made as to the General Election date.

Has Mr Williams not learnt anything over the last few years as a Conservative MP after ministers have been ejected from Parliament for wrongdoing?

Did he seriously think no one would notice? Shameful.

Robert Boston
Kings Hill, Kent

Tweet of the day

Labour's Shadow Health Secretary Wes Streeting on keeping the NHS free for all...

@wesstreeting - When I went through kidney cancer the one thing I never had to worry about was the bill. I will always defend the founding principles of the NHS as a public service, free at the point of use, there for us when we need it. Over my dead body would we privatise the NHS.

■ It's a sad state of affairs when you can't walk down a street with a phone in your hand for fear of it being stolen by thieves on bikes.

At one time they were after women's handbags - now it's phones. Our streets are not safe to walk down because there's not enough police patrolling them.

Tony Howard, Salford

Pub quiz answers

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1. Boat
2. Helsinki
3. Eminem
4. Joseph Conrad
5. Rhode Island



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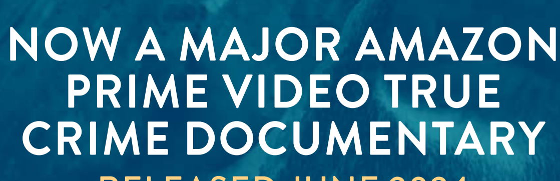
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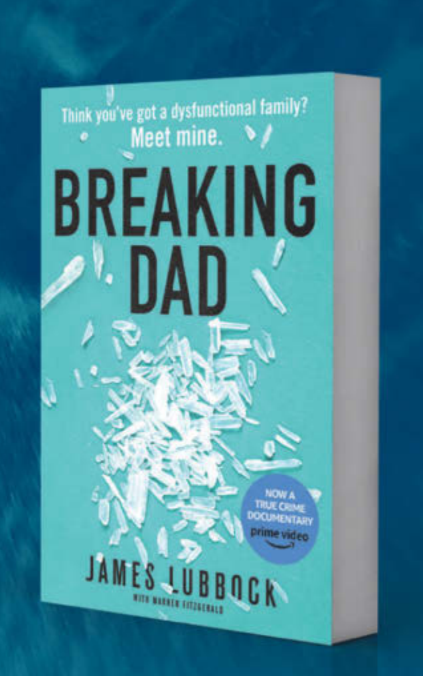
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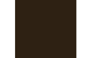


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RESULTS & PRICES

DONCASTER

2.10: AL MUQDAD (D Nolan 7-2f) 1; **Finbar's Lad** (4-1) 2; **Charencey** (9-2) 3. 9 ran. nk, 1l. (D O'Meara). Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £1.70, £1.80. Tote Exacta: £19.40. Tricast: £63.10. Trifecta: £87.30. CSF: £17.35. NR: Deputy.

2.40: SNAZZY JAZZY (Dale Swift 12-1) 1; **Cue's Beau** (13-2) 2; **Lahab** (6-1) 3. 9 ran. 7-2f Buckshaw Village. ¾, ½. (S Spencer). Tote: £14.70; £3.20, £2.30, £2.20. Tote Exacta: £109.00. Tricast: £517.05. Trifecta: £765.20. CSF: £85.83. NR: Algheed.

3.10: WOLF OF BADENOCH (J P Spencer 15-2) 1; **Lazy Griff** (8-1) 2; **Sir Paul Ramsey** (14-1) 3. 9 ran. 11-10f Cabelleroso. 1½, nk. (H Palmer). Tote: £8.50; £2.20, £2.00, £3.20. Tote Exacta: £44.80. Trifecta: £439.20. CSF: £62.07. NR: Tilted Kilt.

3.40: OXFORD COMMA (H Crouch 7-2) 1; **Hosaamm** (10-11f) 2; **Inner Peace** (8-1) 3. 12 ran. 3l, 1l. (R Beckett). Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £1.20, £2.20. Tote Exacta: £7.50. Trifecta: £32.00. CSF: £7.06.

4.10: SOCIETY LION (D Muscutt 18-1) 1; **Utilis** (11-1) 2; **Al Marmar** (10-1) 3. 11 ran. 4-1f Great Max. 1¼, nk. (E Dunlop). Tote: £19.00; £3.80, £3.70, £3.40. Tote Exacta: £267.00. Tricast: £1378.27. Trifecta: £3296.50. CSF: £202.81. NRs: City Of York, Harswell Duke, Lady Of Arabia, Rogue Sea, Speriamo.

4.40: AMAZING WINNIE (Louise Akehurst 14-1) 1; **Forgotten Treasure** (11-2) 2; **Big Blue Boy** (17-2) 3. 10 ran. 3-1f Eagle Landed. ½, nk. (K Ryan). Tote: £21.00; £4.80, £1.90, £2.90. Tote Exacta: £146.80. Tricast: £722.55. Trifecta: £1040.70. CSF: £90.20. NRs: Nasneen, Profiteer.

5.10: KURIMU (S De Sousa 7-2) 1; **Borderline Boss** (9-4f) 2; **Dollarindex** (22-1) 3. 10 ran. ½, hd. (C Dwyer). Tote: £4.50; £1.40, £1.40, £4.90. Tote Exacta: £15.00. Tricast: £148.65. Trifecta: £238.10. CSF: £11.87. NRs: Badosa, Stars Away.

5.40: WARRENDALE WAGYU (G Sanna 12-1) 1; **Marcus** (28-1) 2; **Ifonlytheycudtalk** (16-1) 3. 12 ran. 7-2f Showboated. 1l, ¾. (J & S Quinn). Tote: £14.20; £4.00, £5.10, £4.40. Tote Exacta: £300.10. Tricast: £3918.38. Trifecta: £4004.40. CSF: £261.26. NR: Stoneacre Girl. Stoneacre Girl| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 10p in the pound.

Placepot: £2,762.40.
Quadpot: £249.60.

SALISBURY

2.25: TRES CHIC (Shariq Mohd 17-2) 1; **Rothay Park** (13-2) 2; **Clear Aim** (16-1) 3. 9 ran. 9-4f Orbital. 1¾, nk. (J S Moore). Tote: £11.20; £1.90, £4.70, £2.80. Tote Exacta: £64.50. Tricast: £866.30. Trifecta: £595.40. CSF: £61.75.

2.55: PUMALIN PARK (S Osborne 7-2f) 1; **Sayifyouwill** (9-2) 2; **Snuggle** (14-1) 3. 9 ran. nk, ns. (Sir M Stoute). Tote: £4.50; £1.70, £1.70, £2.70. Tote Exacta: £21.20. Tricast: £196.77. Trifecta: £239.10. CSF: £19.48.

3.25: NEW KINGS ROAD (S M Levey 7-2) 1; **Never Dream** (100-30) 2; **Hello Cotai** (7-2) 3. 7 ran. 2-1f Beach Point. 1½, ½. (R Hannon). Tote: £4.60; £2.20, £2.20. Tote Exacta: £18.80. Tricast: £42.37. Trifecta: £53.40. CSF: £15.31. NR: Timebar.

4.00: AN OUTLAW'S GRACE (S M Levey 15-8f) 1; **Aysgarth** (4-1) 2; **Chelsea Embankment** (16-1) 3. 8 ran. 1¼, ½. (R Hannon). Tote: £2.88; £1.30, £1.40, £2.40. Tote Exacta: £10.30. Trifecta: £54.60. CSF: £9.34.

4.30: EJAABIYAH (James Doyle 2-5f) 1; **Catch The Light** (17-2) 2; **Domaine Des Combes** (22-1) 3. 7 ran. 4¾, 3¼. (R Varian). Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £2.60. Tote Exacta: £4.90. Trifecta: £30.80. CSF: £4.59. NRs: Galaxy Princess, Matwana.

5.00: EXPERT WITNESS (G Rooke 2-1f) 1; **God Of Fire** (9-2) 2; **Chips And Rice** (9-2) 3. 9 ran. 1¼, 1¾. (Sir M Todd). Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £2.00, £1.80. Tote Exacta: £12.90. Tricast: £35.49. Trifecta: £51.80. CSF: £10.72.

5.30: TARITINO (Taylor Fisher 5-4f) 1; **Wilderness** (20-1) 2; **Rebel Angel** (10-1) 3. 7 ran. 2¼, nk. (J Tickle). Tote: £2.25; £1.20, £7.20. Tote Exacta: £25.90. Tricast: £173.15. Trifecta: £199.80. CSF: £27.78. NR: Masqool.

Placepot: £79.40. **Quadpot:** £6.10.

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3.45: ALICE FAIRFAX (T Eaves 5-1) 1; **Miss Hathaway** (16-1) 2; **Beronia** (3-1f) 3. 13 ran. hd, 1¼. (K Ryan). Tote: £6.00; £2.10, £3.90, £1.60. Tote Exacta: £86.30. Trifecta: £339.90. CSF: £77.12. NRs: Baileys Honeymoon, Go On Rosie.

4.15: TELEMARK (J Mitchell 11-2) 1; **Longhaired General** (7-1) 2; **Cargin Bhui** (8-1) 3. 10 ran. 9-2jt-f Diligent Resdev, 9-2jt-f Burdett. 1l, 1l. (S & E Crisford). Tote: £6.50; £2.20, £2.30, £2.10. Tote Exacta: £43.10. Tricast: £315.54. Trifecta: £278.60. CSF: £42.45. NRs: Our Havana, Paborus, Topanga.

4.45: MERESIDE DIVA (C Rodriguez 11-4) 1; **Mezzo Soprano** (6-4f) 2; **Zapphire** (13-2) 3. 6 ran. ½, 3l. (D & N Barron). Tote: £3.75; £1.70, £1.40. Tote Exacta: £7.90. Trifecta: £31.20. CSF: £7.17.

5.15: ALIGN THE STARS (J Fanning 4-1) 1; **Hampden** (9-1) 2; **Too Bossy For Us** (3-1f) 3. 11 ran. 2¼, hd. (C Johnston). Tote: £5.10; £3.20, £1.50, £1.60. Tote Exacta: £45.10. Tricast: £122.94. Trifecta: £181.40. CSF: £37.45. NR: Extra Beat.

5.45: AMERICAN AFFAIR (Amie Waugh 6-1) 1; **Lethal Nymph** (9-1) 2; **Jer Batt** (9-1) 3; **Fair Wind** (4-1 f) 4. 16 ran. 1l, 1¼, 1l. (J Goldie). Tote: £7.70; £2.00, £2.50, £2.60, £1.60. Tote Exacta: £70.30. Tricast: £503.45. Trifecta: £480.90. CSF: £60.34. NR: Tatterstall.

6.15: LETSBEFRANK (Amie Waugh 4-1f) 1; **Rathgar** (11-2) 2; **Artisan Dancer** (50-1) 3. 15 ran. 1½, ¾. (J Goldie). Tote: £5.10; £2.20, £2.50, £12.90. Tote Exacta: £35.50. Tricast: £1002.49. Trifecta: £1449.10. CSF: £25.06.

6.45: GLORY HYDE (Billy Loughnane 20-1) 1; **It's Showtime** (12-1) 2; **Zaphea** (28-1) 3; **Northern Prince** (28-1) 4. 19 ran. 11-2f Alfa Moonstone. ¾, nk, hd. (R Fell & S Murray). Tote: £25.00; £5.10, £3.00, £7.90, £5.90. Tote Exacta: £354.00. Tricast: £6801.84. Trifecta: £3402.60. CSF: £245.64.

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SOUTHWELL TRIP FOR TROY



CITY PLAN City Of Troy could have all-weather Cup warm up

BY **JASON HEAVEY**

DERBY hero City Of Troy could warm up for one of the world's richest races in the USA with a gallop on the sand at Southwell.

Aidan O'Brien is pondering sending the brilliant Epsom winner to the Midlands track later in the year to prepare for a crack at the Breeders' Cup Classic on dirt at Del Mar in November.

The Ballydoyle maestro did exactly the same with Giant's Causeway (in 2000) and Declaration of War (2013).

City Of Troy has always been earmarked as a contender to race on dirt in the Breeders' Cup Classic at the end of his three-year-old season and with the Coral-Eclipse nominated as his next port of call, the planning is already underway with the son of Justify, who will be dropping back to 10 furlongs at Sandown.

After Sandown, his owners are then planning a crack at either the Juddmonte at York or the Irish Champion Stakes.

O'Brien (right) told Racing TV's Luck On Sunday: "We had in our head, and we have spoken about it a lot, and was thinking that if we did go to Sandown then we could go to either York or Leopardstown and he could then do a prep in Southwell afterwards and then go on to America.

"The track at Southwell, we always felt it did us good when we went there with any type of horse.

"We've done it before with Giant's Causeway and Declaration of War and those horses. We just had in our head to go to America for a prep would change too much."

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2.00 RHINO BET APP RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) 6f Winner £3,726 (9 run)

SPOT FORM

1	(8)		**A FINE CLARET** K R Burke 9-7 (SF)	S James	-	-
2	(2)		**COVERBRIDGE** Phillip Makin 9-7	R Scott	-	-
3	(6)		**MAYBERRY MOON** M Dods 9-7	C Beasley	-	-
4	(9)		**MISSIONARY RIDGE** T Easterby 9-7	S B Kirrane	-	-
5	(1)		**SAXON RAIDER** C Johnston 9-7	J Fanning	-	-
6	(5)	9	**STIRRUP CUP** (42) T Easterby 9-7	D Fentiman	55	G
7	(7)	7	**UNCLE SAM** (37) K Ryan 9-7 (EW)	T Eaves	51	G
8	(4)		**ENDEAVOURYOURDREAM** R Fahey 9-2	Oisin Orr	-	-
9	(3)	443	**IWO JIMA** (19) Craig Lidster 9-2 (F)	W Pyle (5)	●60	G

BETTING: 3 A Fine Claret, 7-2 Endeavouryourdream, 4 Saxon Raider, 7 Uncle Sam, 8 Iwo Jima, 10 Mayberry Moon, 14 Stirrup Cup, Coverbridge, 16 Missionary Ridge.
2023: BACK BEFORE DARK 9 2, Sam James 6-1 (G Tuer), drawn (9), 13 ran.

2.30 EURO2024 DAILY GIVEAWAYS ON RHINO.BET HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6) 6f Winner £3,402 (11 run)

1	(5)	-75546	**BALLYARE** (50) (B) L Russell 7 10-2 (BF, D)	O McSweeney (3)	59	SL
2	(2)	23-625	**DREAM DEAL** (10) D Brooke 5 10-1 (BF, D) (EW)	J Garritty	●69	GF
3	(8)	670-68	**HOUR BY HOUR** (132) I Jardine 4 10-0 (D)	M Tabti (5)	66	S
4	(4)	-17142	**KING OF THE JUNGLE** (19) M & D Easterby 4 9-11	Joanna Mason	65	GS
5	(7)	7148-7	**ONE OF OUR OWN** (14) R Menzies 4 9-10 (D)	P Mathers	66	GF
6	(6)	95-705	**MOTAWAAZY** (25) M Dods 8 9-8 (CD)	C Beasley	67	ST
7	(11)	0379-5	**PARR FIRE** (16) B Haslam 4 9-5	P Mulrennan	68	G
8	(9)	458-21	**MALHAM TARN COVE** (24) Steph Hollinshead 5 9-5 (D) (SF)	D Costello	63	GS
9	(1)	070-81	**EDGEWATER DRIVE** (17) W Storey 3 9-3 (CD) (F)	Paula Muir (3)	63	G
10	(10)	473345	**BESTIE** (15) A Keatley 3 9-1	Mark Winn (3)	64	ST
11	(3)	7040-5	**ALIBI WARNING** (165) R Fahey 3 8-12	Oisin Orr	60	ST

BETTING: 9-4 Malham Tarn Cove, 9-2 Edgewater Drive, 5 King Of The Jungle, 7 Bestie, 10 Dream Deal, 12 Alibi Warning, Ballyare, 16 Motawaazy.
2023: GENTLE ELLEN 4 10 0, Joe Fanning 15-2 (D & N Barron), drawn (6), 9 ran.

3.00 EURO2024 DAILY GIVEAWAYS ON RHINO.BET HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6) 6f Winner £3,402 (10 run)

1	(3)	0-8532	**BELSITO** (7) K Ryan 4 10-2 (SF)	T Eaves	67	GS
2	(6)	-52475	**THAKI** (7) K Scott 7 10-0 (D)	J Hart	66	ST
3	(8)	070-23	**ATOMISE** (10) M Dods 5 9-12 (D) (F)	C Beasley	64	S
4	(9)	389485	**THE GAY BLADE** (5) I Jardine 5 9-10 (D)	A Mullen	64	ST
5	(1)	03-032	**RAIN CAP** (9) (V) J Riches 7 9-9 (D)	S B Kirrane	68	SF
6	(2)	-63563	**JOHN KIRKUP** (7) D Thompson 9 9-8 (C, D)	P Dennis	64	G
7	(4)	6-0404	**JAMIE'S CHOICE** (10) T Waggott 4 9-5	Dale Swift	●69	S
8	(5)	8-36	**STRIKE RATE** (18) D Bourke 3 9-5 (EW)	B Garritty	55	G
9	(10)	5-5541	**BATAL DANDY** (14) R Fahey 3 9-3 (D)	Oisin Orr	64	GF
10	(7)	0-6664	**KYBER CRYSTAL** (16) R Menzies 5 9-0	Joanna Mason	59	GF

BETTING: 7-2 Belsito, 4 Batal Dandy, 6 John Kirkup, Atomise, 7 Rain Cap, 8 The Gay Blade, 10 Jamie's Choice, 14 Kyber Crystal, Thaki, 25 Strike Rate.
2023: No corresponding race.

3.30 DAILY CHARGED UP OFFERS AT RHINO.BET HANDICAP (5) 1m 6f Winner £4,187 (7 run)

1	(7)	-52232	**WHIMSY** (2) A McCann (IRE) 5 9-11 (F)	Oisin Orr	76	SS
2	(5)	316-04	**WHATACRACKER** (24) (H) M Walford 4 9-8 (C)	J Garritty	79	G
3	(2)	53/53-	**KING OF UNICORNS** (352) M Hammond 7 9-5	B Garritty	77	G
4	(4)	9-5212	**EBONY MAW** (19) Ewan Whillans 7 9-3	R Scott	80	S
5	(1)	578-36	**GLASSES UP** (26) R M Smith 9 9-3 (D)	Z Wheatley (3)	78	GS
6	(6)	/5458-	**MANUELITO** (J33) D Pipe 4 9-2 (SF)	T Marquand	-	-
7	(3)	466645	**SYCAMORE GAP** (37) R Menzies 4 8-12	A Mullen	●81	ST

BETTING: 5-2 Manuelito, 11-4 Ebony Maw, 7-2 Whimsy, 8 Whatacracker, Glasses Up, 10 King Of Unicorns, 14 Sycamore Gap.
2023: No corresponding race.

BEST LONGSHOT FIRST FOLIO (7.00 Windsor)

4.00 RHINO.BET HOME OF CHARGED UP SPORT HANDICAP (5) 1m Winner £4,187 (10 run)

1	(4)	/317-6	**TOO MUCH** (20) D Thompson 4 9-11 (D)	Rhys Elliott (7)	50	SF
2	(3)	5-0949	**FOOLS RUSH IN** (9) R Carr 6 9-11 (D)	JP Sullivan	71	S
3	(10)	51-311	**ARKENSTAAR** (19) M Dods 4 9-10 (D) (F)	C Beasley	77	GS
4	(6)	4-5906	**DUMFRIES** (15) R Carr 4 9-9 (D)	Joanna Mason	79	G
5	(1)	510-93	**ALPINE SIERRA** (14) J Goldie 6 9-7 (D)	P Mulrennan	80	SS
6	(2)	465487	**HELTER SKELTER** (14) R Menzies 4 9-7	A Rawlinson	81	H
7	(9)	-26282	**GOLDEN MELODY** (20) (B) T Easterby 6 9-6 (BF, D) (EW)	Oisin Orr	80	G
8	(7)	0-3784	**BUSHFIRE** (14) G Tutty 5 9-4 (D)	R Scott	●82	S
9	(8)	3234-1	**JKR COBBLER** (17) I Jardine 5 9-3 (C) (SF)	A Mullen	79	G
10	(5)	-28087	**ARRANMORE** (9) M Hammond 7 9-2 (CD)	B Garritty	75	GF

BETTING: 9-4 Arkenstaar, 9-2 Alpine Sierra, 5 Jkr Cobbler, 6 Golden Melody, 8 Helter Skelter, 12 Fools Rush In, Bushfire, 14 Dumfries.
2023: ALBEGREY 4 9 7, David Allan 9-4 Fav (T Easterby), drawn (6), 7 ran.

4.30 FOLLOW US ON X AT BETRHINO MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) 1m 1f Winner £3,780 (13 run)

1	(5)	9	**BOLTON** (18) T Davidson 6 10-2	P Dennis	8	GS
2	(6)	40	**LESRICO** (27) (H) L Williamson 4 10-2	Mark Winn (3)	64	ST
3	(8)		**CRAFTY DANCER** (J22) K Scott 4 9-11	S James	-	-
4	(10)	02	**AVIEMORE** (18) C Johnston 3 9-5	F Norton	75	GS
5	(2)	332	**CONDOR PASA** (38) R Varian 3 9-5 (SF)	J Mitchell	●78	GF
6	(1)	39	**DUBAI FIRST** (20) R Fahey 3 9-5 (EW)	Oisin Orr	55	H
7	(9)	44	**MELON** (20) O Greenall & J Guerriero 3 9-5	B Robinson	59	H
8	(13)	6-	**MIX DE GRIS** (297) L Russell 3 9-5	J Hart	45	G
9	(3)	7-	**SOMETHING** (247) J O'Keeffe 3 9-5	J Garritty	31	S
10	(12)	28	**UNIQUE SPIRIT** (20) D O'Meara 3 9-5 (BF)	P Mulrennan	71	H
11	(7)	04	**UNREGULATED** (10) M & D Easterby 3 9-5	B Garritty	62	GF
12	(4)	4	**ZOFFANDIA** (27) W Haggas 3 9-5 (F)	T Marquand	69	G
13	(11)	3-	**QAMARI** (213) J Tate 3 9-0	C Lee	67	ST

BETTING: 15-8 Condor Pasa, 4 Zoffandia, 9-2 Qamari, 5 Aviemore, 8 Unique Spirit, 16 Melon, 20 Dubai First, 25 Something.
2023: No corresponding race.

5.00 FOLLOW RHINO.BET ON INSTAGRAM FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) 7f Winner £4,187 (11 run)

1	(11)	6542	**QUESTIONABLE** (24) D & C Kubler 9-11 (SF)	T Marquand	75	S
2	(2)	2323	**MOSTAR DREAMS** (23) I Jardine 9-10	A Mullen	75	GF
3	(8)	416133	**BLUFFERONTHEBUS** (17) Craig Lidster 9-7 (C)	S James	75	GF
4	(10)	6-46	**BEGUILING** (28) T Easterby 9-5	D Fentiman	68	GS
5	(5)	-32926	**BERRYGATE** (20) E Bethell 9-5 (BF) (EW)	C Rodriguez	75	ST
6	(3)	6-3853	**BUTTERCROSS FLYER** (20) Craig Lidster 9-4 (D) (F)	W Pyle (5)	●79	ST
7	(4)	44-069	**OAKLAND PRINCESS** (36) K R Burke 9-3	C Lee	75	ST
8	(1)	7-40	**ROMANTIC TALE** (61) G Boughey 9-2	J Hart	73	SF
9	(9)	690-	**GREYCEE BELL** (178) T Dascombe 8-12	A Rawlinson	73	ST
10	(6)	643-90	**VERACIDAD** (17) (B) A McCann (IRE) 8-10	F Norton	77	GF
11	(7)	800-	**ON THE SHERBET** (220) B Haslam 8-4	JP Sullivan	64	ST

BETTING: 11-4 Questionable, 9-2 Romantic Tale, 6 Berrygate, 7 Blufferonthebus, 8 Mostar Dreams, 10 Beguiling, 12 Buttercross Flyer, Oakland Princess.
2023: PLATINUM GIRL 9 5, Sean Kirrane(3) 7-2 (T Easterby), drawn (6), 8 ran.

NEWSBOY'S DAILY DOUBLE
ON EDGE (3.48 Chepstow) and STOCKPYLE (2.48 Chepstow)

STAT OF THE DAY
Trainer **Michael & David Easterby** and jockey **Billy Garritty** have a 50 per cent strike rate when teaming up at **Carlisle** – 3 wins from 6 runners for a level-stake profit of +£13.89pts. So look out for **UNREGULATED** (4.30).

NEWSBOY
2.00 A FINE CLARET
2.30 KING OF THE JUNGLE
3.00 BATAL DANDY
3.30 EBONY MAW
4.00 GOLDEN MELODY
4.30 ZOFFANDIA
5.00 QUESTIONABLE

BOUVERIE
2.00 A FINE CLARET
2.35 EDGEWATER DRIVE
3.00 ATOMISE
3.30 WHIMSY
4.00 JKR COBBLER
4.30 ZOFFANDIA
5.00 ROMANTIC TALE

GOING: Soft-Good to Soft in places.
COURSE: Right-handed, undulating pear-shaped course of 1m 5f with a testing uphill finish.
DRAW: Low numbers best
TOP TRAINERS: T Easterby 27-324 (8.3%), R Fahey 18-137 (13.1%), R Menzies 17-120 (14.2%), K R Burke 15-104 (14.4%), K Ryan 11-77 (14.3%), I Jardine 10-140 (7.1%), M Hammond 10-126 (7.9%), J Goldie 10-70 (14.3%), L Russell 8-123 (6.5%), M Walford 8-59 (13.6%), C Johnston 7-36 (19.4%).
TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): T Easterby won the 5.00 in '19 and '23.
TOP JOCKEYS: Paul Mulrennan 19-139 (13.7%), Sam James 17-99 (17.2%), Callum Rodriguez 15-96 (15.6%), Joe Fanning 14-58 (24.1%), Franny Norton 11-42 (26.2%), Billy Garritty 10-66 (15.2%), Clifford Lee 9-52 (17.3%), Sean Kirrane 7-49 (14.3%).
1ST TIME BLINKERS: 4.00 Golden Melody.
CHEEKPIECES: 2.30 Bestie, Dream Deal, Malham Tarn Cove, Motawaazy, Parr Fire, 3.00 Batal Dandy, Belsito*, 3.30 Sycamore Gap*, 4.00 Helter Skelter, 5.00 Greycee Bell*.
TONGUE STRAPS: 2.30 Ballyare, Dream Deal, Edgewater Drive, 3.00 Kyber Crystal, Thaki, 3.30 Ebony Maw, 4.00 Fools Rush In. (*=1st time).
1ST TIME HOODS: 4.30 Lesrico.
PROFITABLE RACES FOR FAVS: 4.00.

IN FORM
TRAINERS: D Donovan 2-4 (50%), G Boughey 14-34 (41%), J Tickle 2-5 (40%), P McBride 2-5 (40%), G Tutty 2-6 (33%), J Ferguson 6-18 (33%), P McEntee 3-11 (27%), W Muir & C Grassick 6-22 (27%), A Carroll 11-42 (26%), D Thompson 1-4 (25%), G Nicholls 1-4 (25%).
JOCKEYS: Miss Brodie Hampson 1-4 (25%), Sam Hitchcott 1-4 (25%), Pat Cosgrave 5-21 (24%), Tom Marquand 13-54 (24%), Sean Kirrane 3-13 (23%), Daniel Tudhope 9-41 (22%).

TODAY'S ABC GUIDE TO THREE UK MEETINGS

CARLISLE - CA
CHEPSTOW - CH
WINDSOR - WN

A Fine Claret	2.00	CA
Acer	5.30	WN
Al Farabi	7.00	WN
Al Wasl Dream	2.18	CH
Albert Cee	3.48	CH
Alcazan	7.00	WN
Alibi Warning	2.30	CA
Alpine Sierra	4.00	CA
Amazonian Dream	7.00	WN
American Rose	4.55	CH
Angel At Midnight	6.00	WN
Ant Colony	6.00	WN
Aramram	7.30	WN
Arkenstaar	4.00	CA
Arranmore	4.00	CA
Atomise	3.00	CA
Atwixaday	8.30	WN
Aviemore	4.30	CA
Ballyare	2.30	CA
Bama Lama	4.18	CH
Batal Dandy	3.00	CA
Beautiful Crown	2.18	CH
Beguiling	5.00	CA
Belsito	3.00	CA
Berrygate	5.00	CA
Bestie	2.30	CA
Beyond Borders	7.30	WN
Big Jimbo	8.30	WN
Bint Havana Gold	5.30	WN
Bishop's Crown	7.00	WN
Blufferonthebus	5.00	CA
Bobacious	4.55	CH
Bobby Dassler	4.55	CH
Bolton	4.30	CA
Breguet Boy	2.18	CH
Bushfire	4.00	CA
Buttercross Flyer	5.00	CA
Central City	8.30	WN
Certain Style	8.30	WN
City Escape	2.18	CH
Coco Bear	3.48	CH
Colocolo	6.00	WN
Composite	8.00	WN
Condor Pasa	4.30	CA
Connie's Rose	3.48	CH
Coverbridge	2.00	CA
Crafty Dancer	4.30	CA
Dandizaam	6.00	WN
Destiny's Spirit	4.18	CH
Diamondsinthesand	4.18	CH
Diderot	8.00	WN
Distant Rumble	6.00	WN
Dolly Gray	3.48	CH
Doonbeg Farmer	4.55	CH
Dourado	4.55	CH
Dream Deal	2.30	CA
Dubai First	4.30	CA
Dumfries	4.00	CA
Ebony Maw	3.30	CA
Edgewater Drive	2.30	CA
Endeavouryourdream	2.00	CA
Epidavros	6.30	WN
Excel Power	8.00	WN
Exceptionality	8.30	WN
Feeraas	3.18	CH
Fidelius	5.30	WN
First Folio	7.00	WN
Foinix	8.30	WN
Fools Rush In	4.00	CA
Galactic Glow	4.55	CH
Galaxy Princess	6.30	WN
Get It	7.00	WN
Gisburn	7.00	WN
Glad Hope	8.30	WN
Glamorous Express	3.48	CH
Glamorous Star	4.18	CH
Glasses Up	3.30	CA
Global Effort	4.18	CH
Golden Melody	4.00	CA
Green Power	2.48	CH
Greycee Bell	5.00	CA
Hadley Park	2.48	CH
Hannah's Return	4.18	CH
Happy Happy	6.00	WN
Helter Skelter	4.00	CA
Hieronymus	8.00	WN
High Spirited	8.00	WN
Hofburg	3.18	CH
Home City	7.00	WN
Horse Whisperer	5.30	WN
Hour By Hour	2.30	CA
Howzak	3.48	CH
Inanna	3.48	CH
Indian Creak	7.00	WN
Invincible Crown	6.00	WN
Irezumi	8.30	WN
Ishani	4.18	CH
Iwo Jima	2.00	CA
Jamie's Choice	3.00	CA
Jimmy Speaking	7.30	WN
Jkr Cobbler	4.00	CA
John Kirkup	3.00	CA
John's Dragon	6.00	WN
Kalama Sunrise	4.55	CH
Keeper	2.18	CH
King Of The Jungle	2.30	CA
King Of Unicorns	3.30	CA
King's Vanity	7.00	WN
Kingentleman	7.00	WN
Kiss And Run	5.30	WN
Knebworth	7.00	WN
Kyber Crystal	3.00	CA
Lady Birdie	8.30	WN
Lady Dreamer	7.00	WN
Lesrico	4.30	CA
Letmebetheboss	8.30	WN
Letter Of The Law	4.55	CH
Lieutenant Rascal	5.30	WN
Louis Treize	4.18	CH
Macs Dilemma	2.48	CH
Malham Tarn Cove	2.30	CA
Manuelito	3.30	CA
Many A Star	7.00	WN
Master Builder	6.30	WN
Masterofgreygoose	6.30	WN
Mayberry Moon	2.00	CA
Melon	4.30	CA
Metabolt	8.00	WN
Micks Dream	2.48	CH
Mintana	4.18	CH
Miss Billie	4.18	CH
Missionary Ridge	2.00	CA
Mix De Gris	4.30	CA
Moon Over The Sea	2.18	CH
Mostar Dreams	5.00	CA
Motawaazy	2.30	CA
Mr Boson	2.18	CH
Musaytir	4.18	CH
Nap Hand	8.00	WN
Native Melody	8.30	WN
Oakland Princess	5.00	CA
Offiah's Boy	6.30	WN
On Edge	3.48	CH
On The Sherbet	5.00	CA
One Hart	4.18	CH
One Of Our Own	2.30	CA
Optiva Star	2.48	CH
Pagan King	8.30	WN
Parr Fire	2.30	CA
Pathetic Fallacy	6.00	WN
Piranheer	8.30	WN
Platinum Perfect	8.30	WN
Port Noir	4.18	CH
Porterinthejungle	4.18	CH
Punchbowl Flyer	3.48	CH
Qamari	4.30	CA
Queen's Guard	7.30	WN
Questionable	5.00	CA
Racing Demon	2.48	CH
Rain Cap	3.00	CA
Rainbow Sign	4.55	CH
Ran Amok	3.18	CH
Ribba Hill	6.30	WN
Romantic Tale	5.00	CA
Roselily	6.00	WN
Salvuccio	7.30	WN
Savannah Smiles	4.18	CH
Saxon Raider	2.00	CA
Sea Of Charm	2.18	CH
Sienna Gold	6.00	WN
Sisters In The Sky	4.18	CH
Sky Dancer	2.18	CH
Sky Warrior	7.30	WN
Solar Edge	3.18	CH
Something	4.30	CA
Southbank	5.30	WN
Spanish Star	7.00	WN
Split The Profit	5.30	WN
Star Time	6.30	WN
Stirrup Cup	2.00	CA
Stockpyle	2.48	CH
Strike Rate	3.00	CA
Super Dino	6.00	WN
Sycamore Gap	3.30	CA
Tanmawwy	7.00	WN
Thaki	3.00	CA
Thapa VC	8.00	WN
The Gay Blade	3.00	CA
The Good Biscuit	7.30	WN
Thewaytothestars	4.55	CH
Thursday	8.30	WN
Tiana Rose	6.00	WN
Too Much	4.00	CA
Top Flight Century	8.30	WN
Uncle Sam	2.00	CA
Unique Spirit	4.30	CA
Unregulated	4.30	CA
Veracidad	5.00	CA
Waking Dream	3.18	CH
Whatacracker	3.30	CA
Whimsy	3.30	CA
Zambezi Magic	2.18	CH
Zoffandia	4.30	CA

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2.18 IN MEMORY OF GWILYM LLEWELLYN AMATEUR JOCKEYS' H'CAP (6) 1m 2f Winner £2,926 (10 run)

SPOT FORM

1	(1)	4370-1	**BEAUTIFUL CROWN** (7) Jack Jones 6 11-7 (D) (SF)	Mr E Cagney (3)	47	ST
2	(5)	234570	**SEA OF CHARM** (40) (V) G Nicholls 6 11-2 (D)	Mr William Dunlop (7)	●52	ST
3	(6)	627775	**MR BOSON** (20) (H) Mr W G Harrison 4 11-1	Mr Jack Nicholls (5)	46	ST
4	(7)	588348	**CITY ESCAPE** (24) (B) M Loughnane 7 10-12 (D)	Miss Tilly Evans (5)	48	SS
5	(8)	1-2674	**BREGUET BOY** (50) (B) A Watson 7 10-11 (D) (F)	Miss B Hampson	50	ST
6	(10)	85/6	**AL WASL DREAM** (17) (V) B J Llewellyn 4 10-11	Mr Patrick Millman	18	GF
7	(2)	133275	**MOON OVER THE SEA** (21) A Carroll 5 10-9	Miss S Bowen (3)	50	ST
8	(9)	90/225	**SKY DANCER** (95) Mrs N Evans 4 10-9 (BF) (EW)	Miss Amy Tucker (7)	51	SF
9	(4)	45369/	**KEEPER** (J375) C Dyson 6 10-8	Mr Freddie Keighley (7)	-	-
10	(3)	-49006	**ZAMBEZI MAGIC** (24) B J Llewellyn 7 10-5 (D)	Miss Jessica Llewellyn (5)	43	G

BETTING: 13-8 Beautiful Crown, 9-2 Breguet Boy, 7 Sky Dancer, Moon Over The Sea, 10 Mr Boson, Zambezi Magic, 12 City Escape, 14 Sea Of Charm.

2023: No corresponding race.

2.48 PLAN A CONSULTING HANDICAP (5) 1m Winner £3,716 (7 run)

1	(4)	48-421	**STOCKPYLE** (5) W Muir & C Grassick 5 9-9 (C, D) (SF)	Jack Doughty (7)	85	SS
2	(7)	120-30	**OPTIVA STAR** (47) (H) R Hannon 4 9-8 (D)	J Leavy (5)	84	GS
3	(5)	-21100	**GREEN POWER** (21) J Gallagher 9 9-6 (D)	S D Bowen (5)	83	G
4	(6)	4475-5	**MACS DILEMMA** (50) J G O'Shea 6 9-6 (C)	Georgia Dobie (3)	86	G
5	(1)	2/45-8	**HADLEY PARK** (74) Joe Ponting 4 9-4 (D)	W Cox	52	ST
6	(2)	47920-	**MICKS DREAM** (251) D Faulkner 6 9-0 (BF)	Gina Mangan (3)	●87	GF
7	(3)	7U9110	**RACING DEMON** (14) (H) E De Giles 4 8-13 (CD) (F)	G Rooke	82	G

BETTING: 11-10 Stockpyle, 5 Optiva Star, 11-2 Racing Demon, 7 Micks Dream, 10 Macs Dilemma, 12 Green Power, 16 Hadley Park.

2023: No corresponding race.

3.18 VICKERS.BET EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2-Y-O) 6f Winner £5,211 (5 run)

1	(2)	3	**FEERAAS** (32) A Watson 9-7 (SF)	H Doyle	●73	GF
2	(1)	43	**HOFBURG** (10) R Hannon 9-7 (F)	Alec Voikhansky (3)	72	GF
3	(5)	5	**RAN AMOK** (20) H Palmer 9-7	J Leavy (5)	67	GS
4	(4)		**SOLAR EDGE** C Mason 9-7	Gina Mangan (3)	-	-
5	(3)	6	**WAKING DREAM** (7) R Beckett 9-2	H Crouch	62	GF

BETTING: 13-8 Feeraas, 5-2 Hofburg, 3 Waking Dream, 6 Ran Amok, 20 Solar Edge.

2023: NOO POINT 9 7, Joshua Bryan 15-2 (A Watson), drawn (6), 6 ran.

3.48 DOWNLOAD THE VICKERS.BET APP HANDICAP (5) 6f Winner £3,716 (9 run)

1	(6)	12401-	**DOLLY GRAY** (276) D Loughnane 5 9-11 (D)	Laura Pearson	84	G
2	(3)	/2217-	**ALBERT CEE** (226) James Owen 4 9-9 (D)	S D Bowen (5)	86	G
3	(2)	822212	**CONNIE'S ROSE** (10) G Harris 5 9-8 (BF, CD) (F)	C Hutchinson (3)	84	G
4	(7)	6700-6	**COCO BEAR** (63) P Chamings 6 9-8 (D)	H Doyle	78	S
5	(5)	2-0956	**PUNCHBOWL FLYER** (17) (B) J G O'Shea 7 9-6 (CD)	Georgia Dobie (3)	83	G
6	(9)	211583	**GLAMOROUS EXPRESS** (19) A Carroll 5 9-4 (D)	Jack Doughty (7)	84	G
7	(8)	0-2201	**ON EDGE** (7) C Mason 6 9-4 (CD) (SF)	Gina Mangan (3)	●87	GF
8	(4)	-95923	**INANNA** (14) Brian Toomey 4 8-7	C Hardie	85	SF
9	(1)	/65432	**HOWZAK** (9) D Faulkner 6 8-7 (D) (EW)	W Cox	85	ST

BETTING: 4 On Edge, 9-2 Connie's Rose, 5 Inanna, 6 Dolly Gray, 7 Albert Cee, 8 Howzak, 10 Glamorous Express, Coco Bear, 12 Punchbowl Flyer.

2023: No corresponding race.

LONGEST TRAVELLER

By road, Nicholashayne, Devon-based **David Pipe** sends **MANUELITO** (3.30) on a 327-mile trip to **Carlisle.**

NEWSBOY	BOUVERIE
2.18 BEAUTIFUL CROWN	2.18 BEAUTIFUL CROWN
2.48 STOCKPYLE (NB)	2.48 STOCKPYLE (NB)
3.18 FEERAS	3.18 FEERAAS
3.48 ON EDGE (NAP)	3.48 HOWZAK
4.18 BAMA LAMA	4.18 HANNAH'S RETURN
4.55 LETTER OF THE LAW	4.55 KALAMA SUNRISE

GOING: Good to Soft.
COURSE: Left-handed, undulating, oval track of 2m, which joins the straight course 5f from home. All races up to a mile run on the straight course.
DRAW: High numbers best in big fields on the straight course.
TOP TRAINERS: A Carroll 19-196 (9.7%), J G O'Shea 17-153 (11.1%), B Millman 16-129 (12.4%), A Watson 15-78 (19.2%), R Beckett 14-49 (28.6%), C Mason 13-95 (13.7%), G Harris 11-171 (6.4%), B J Llewellyn 10-104 (9.6%), A Wintle 10-90 (11.1%).
PROFITABLE RACES FOR FAVS: 3.18.

TOP JOCKEYS: Hollie Doyle 23-94 (24.5%), Gina Mangan 17-108 (15.7%), William Cox 13-125 (10.4%), Hector Crouch 11-69 (15.9%), Georgia Dobie 10-64 (15.6%).
CHEEKPIECES: 2.48 Hadley Park, Macs Dilemma, 3.48 Coco Bear, Connie's Rose, Inanna*, On Edge, 4.18 Destiny's Spirit, 4.55 Galactic Glow, Kalama Sunrise, Thewaytothestars.
TONGUE STRAPS: 2.18 Mr Boson, 3.18 Ran Amok*, 3.48 Glamorous Express, 4.18 Ishani, Port Noir, 4.55 Rainbow Sign. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 2.18 Keeper.

4.18 BEST PRICES GUARANTEED DAILY AT VICKERS.BET HANDICAP (6) 6f Winner £2,983 (16 run)

1	(11)	-78331	**BAMA LAMA** (9) B Millman 6 9-9 (CD)	O Searle (5)	64	GF
2	(6)	-14151	**HANNAH'S RETURN** (39) G Brown 5 9-9 (D) (SF)	DOUBTFUL		
3	(5)	2548-0	**PORTERINTHEJUNGLE** (9) D Faulkner 8 9-8 (C)	Taylor Fisher (3)	65	GY
4	(14)	228425	**DIAMONDSINTHESAND** (9) (H) A Wintle 7 9-8 (BF)	C Hardie	66	H
5	(16)	-45061	**GLOBAL EFFORT** (13) P McEntee 4 9-8 (D) (EW)	Josephine Gordon	65	G
6	(15)	148653	**SAVANNAH SMILES** (17) G Harris 4 9-8 (D)	C Hutchinson (3)	64	SF
7	(8)	475091	**ONE HART** (9) (B) D Donovan 7 9-8 (D) (F)	T P Queally	64	ST
8	(9)	147358	**SISTERS IN THE SKY** (9) G Harris 5 9-5 (D)	H Doyle	63	ST
9	(10)	88-008	**ISHANI** (9) (V) M Hunt 5 9-4	R Clutterbuck	63	ST
10	(4)	183074	**PORT NOIR** (9) R Stephens 7 9-4 (CD)	S D Bowen (5)	●68	ST
11	(3)	0-4486	**MINTANA** (10) H Evans 4 9-2 (D)	J Leavy (5)	67	SF
12	(7)	90-899	**MISS BILLIE** (25) M Wigham 4 9-0	H Crouch	61	G
13	(13)	694525	**LOUIS TREIZE** (9) (H) D Faulkner 8 9-0 (CD)	Zoe Lewis (7)	62	SS
14	(1)	68-955	**DESTINY'S SPIRIT** (20) D F Davis 4 9-0 (C)	Gina Mangan (3)	58	S
15	(12)	767980	**MUSAYTIR** (42) (V) G Harris 6 9-0 (D)	E Greatrex	50	SS
16	(2)	/549-9	**GLAMOROUS STAR** (164) A Carroll 4 9-0	Jack Doughty (7)	54	G

BETTING: 9-2 Bama Lama, 5 One Hart, 6 Diamondsinthesand, Global Effort, 7 Port Noir, 12 Sisters In The Sky, Savannah Smiles, 14 Mintana, Louis Treize.

2023: SAVALAS 8 9 3, Finley Marsh 10-1 (A Wintle), drawn (4), 10 ran.

4.55 VICKERS.BET WEEKLY FREE BET CLUB HANDICAP (6) 1m Winner £2,983 (10 run)

1	(8)	6000-6	**BOBBY DASSLER** (152) Mrs L Mongan 5 9-10 (D) (EW)	R Clutterbuck	60	GS
2	(2)	2-6270	**GALACTIC GLOW** (24) J Tickle 7 9-10	Taylor Fisher (3)	65	S
3	(1)	36-290	**AMERICAN ROSE** (51) H Evans 4 9-9	J Leavy (5)	66	ST
4	(5)	6375	**BOBACIOUS** (10) G Nicholls 4 9-9	J Bryan	58	G
5	(9)	88-784	**THEWAYTOTHESTARS** (9) G Harris 5 9-7 (D) (F)	C Hutchinson (3)	58	G
6	(4)	8709-9	**DOURADO** (20) (V) P Chamings 10 9-7 (D)	H Doyle	65	G
7	(6)	35-481	**KALAMA SUNRISE** (9) J Channon 4 9-2 (CD) (SF)	E Greatrex	65	GF
8	(7)	0-5242	**LETTER OF THE LAW** (9) (B) J G O'Shea 5 9-1 (D)	Georgia Dobie (3)	64	G
9	(10)	52-696	**DOONBEG FARMER** (9) G Brown 6 9-0 (D)	DOUBTFUL		
10	(3)	-62357	**RAINBOW SIGN** (43) M Pattinson 6 9-0	C Hardie	64	ST

BETTING: 9-4 Kalama Sunrise, 11-4 Letter Of The Law, 6 Thewaytothestars, 8 Bobacious, 10 Galactic Glow, American Rose, 14 Bobby Dassler, 16 Rainbow Sign.

2023: KENSTONE 10 9 4, B Loughnane(3) 7-1 (A Wintle), drawn (6), 9 ran.

WINDSOR JACKPOT

SKY

NEWSBOY	BOUVERIE
5.30 HORSE WHISPERER	5.30 FIDELIUS
6.00 INVINCIBLE CROWN	6.00 ROSELILY
6.30 GALAXY PRINCESS	6.30 MASTER BUILDER
7.00 MANY A STAR	7.00 AMAZONIAN DREAM
7.30 THE GOOD BISCUIT	7.30 SALVUCCIO
8.00 NAP HAND	8.00 METABOLT (NAP)
8.30 TOP FLIGHT CENTURY	8.30 EXCEPTIONALITY

GOING: Good to Firm.
COURSE: Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f, straight final 5f, 6f races start on an extension to the straight. **DRAW:** Low best up to a mile.
TOP TRAINERS: R Hannon 37-264 (14.0%), A Balding 32-163 (19.6%), R Beckett 24-135 (17.8%), E J-Houghton 21-148 (14.2%), C Cox 19-152 (12.5%), B Millman 15-142 (10.6%).
1ST TIME HOODS: 6.00 Ant Colony, 7.00 Kingentleman.
PROFITABLE RACES FOR FAVS: 8.00.

TOP JOCKEYS: Oisin Murphy 49-258 (19.0%), Rossa Ryan 32-198 (16.2%), Sean Levey 27-180 (15.0%), Silvestre De Sousa 23-97 (23.7%).
1ST TIME BLINKERS: 7.30 Salvuccio, 8.00 Composite.
CHEEKPIECES: 5.30 Lieutenant Rascal*, 6.00 Super Dino*, 7.00 First Folio, Home City, Knebworth, 8.00 Excel Power, High Spirited*, Thapa VC.
TONGUE STRAPS: 5.30 Southbank, 7.00 Al Farabi*, Kingentleman, Lady Dreamer, Many A Star, 8.00 Thapa VC, 8.30 Lady Birdie. (*=1st time).

5.30 FITZDARES HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) 5f Winner £4,397 (8 run)

SPOT FORM

1	(1)	252320	**SPLIT THE PROFIT** (16) (V) M Murphy & M Keady 9-10	Sorcha Woods (7)	76	G
2	(4)	3-2224	**KISS AND RUN** (9) R Cook & J Bridger 9-9 (EW)	K O'Neill	●80	GF
3	(8)	121532	**BINT HAVANA GOLD** (19) R Hughes 9-9	F Marsh	77	ST
4	(2)	24-231	**FIDELIUS** (25) R Cowell 9-9 (D) (SF)	L Morris	79	ST
5	(6)	7-3122	**HORSE WHISPERER** (23) C Dwyer 9-8 (BF, D) (F)	S De Sousa	76	GF
6	(7)	-34645	**LIEUTENANT RASCAL** (14) P McEntee 9-7 (D)	DOUBTFUL		
7	(3)	153110	**SOUTHBANK** (37) S C Williams 9-5	S M Levey	75	ST
8	(5)	3622-0	**ACER** (56) C Cox 9-4	Rossa Ryan	76	GF

BETTING: 5-2 Fidelius, 11-4 Horse Whisperer, 4 Bint Havana Gold, 11-2 Split The Profit, 15-2 Kiss And Run, 14 Acer, 16 Southbank.

6.00 FITZDARES EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) (2-Y-O) 5f Winner £3,672 (13 run)

1	(11)	65	**ANT COLONY** (37) (H) E J-Houghton 9-7 (BF) (SF)	C Bishop	76	G
2	(4)	5	**COLOCOLO** (13) K P De Foy 9-7	B Sayette	62	ST
3	(7)	6	**DISTANT RUMBLE** (42) R Teal 9-7	L Edmunds	70	S
4	(13)	3	**INVINCIBLE CROWN** (11) R Hughes 9-7 (F)	F Marsh	●77	ST
5	(8)	854	**SUPER DINO** (45) Miss A Murphy 9-7	S De Sousa	67	VS
6	(2)	0	**ANGEL AT MIDNIGHT** (13) M Murphy & M Keady 9-2	P Bradley	36	ST
7	(10)		**DANDIZAAM** J R Jenkins 9-2	K O'Neill	-	-
8	(1)	5	**HAPPY HAPPY** (16) M Usher 9-2	L Morris	23	G
9	(12)	5	**JOHN'S DRAGON** (24) T Dascombe 9-2	P-L Jamin	54	GS
10	(9)	0	**PATHETIC FALLACY** (12) J Butler 9-2	R Dawson	49	GF
11	(3)	43	**ROSELILY** (16) Jack Jones 9-2 (EW)	Dylan Hogan	73	G
12	(5)	055	**SIENNA GOLD** (9) B Millman 9-2	J Gilligan	63	G
13	(6)		**TIANA ROSE** P McBride 9-2	A Farragher	-	-

BETTING: 3 Ant Colony, 7-2 Invincible Crown, 6 John's Dragon, 13-2 Distant Rumble, Roselily, 7 Colocolo, 8 Super Dino, 14 Sienna Gold.

6.30 FITZDARES RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) 1m 2f Winner £4,320 (7 run)

1	(4)	21	**MASTER BUILDER** (32) D Menuisier 3 9-11 (D) (F)	O Murphy	82	G
2	(2)	1	**RIBBA HILL** (45) G Tuer 3 9-9	H Shaw	73	ST
3	(6)	43	**MASTEROFGREYGOOSE** (26) J Parr 3 9-4	D Muscutt	77	ST
4	(5)	7	**OFFIAH'S BOY** (15) T Ward 3 9-2	S M Levey	64	GF
5	(7)		**STAR TIME** A King 3 9-2	D Probert	-	-
6	(1)	46	**EPIDAVROS** (25) D Loughnane 3 8-13	Billy Loughnane	68	G
7	(3)	92	**GALAXY PRINCESS** (32) R Beckett 3 8-13 (SF)	Rossa Ryan	●88	S

BETTING: 5-4 Galaxy Princess, 9-4 Master Builder, 6 Masterofgreygoose, 7 Ribba Hill, 14 Star Time, 25 Offiah's Boy, 50 Epidavros.

TODAY'S FAB 4 TIPS

NORTHERNER'S NAP
EDGEWATER DRIVE
(2.30 Carlisle)

TOPSPOT
BUTTERCROSS FLYER
(5.00 Carlisle)

NEWMARKET'S BEST
ZOFFANDIA
(4.30 Carlisle)

SPEEDHORSE
KISS AND RUN
(5.30 Windsor)

7.00 FITZDARES SPRINT SERIES QUALIFIER HANDICAP (3) 6f Winner £9,936 (16 run)

1	(1)	/875-0	**KINGENTLEMAN** (16) (H) D Menuisier 5 9-9 (D)	S De Sousa	73	GS
2	(11)	8337-5	**FIRST FOLIO** (36) J Camacho 6 9-8 (D) (EW)	Ryan Sexton	101	G
3	(6)	611252	**MANY A STAR** (28) J Osborne 7 9-7 (D)	S Osborne	100	H
4	(12)	9-7036	**GET IT** (101) G Baker 6 9-7 (C, D)	P Cosgrave	93	GF
5	(5)	66-446	**SPANISH STAR** (17) P Chamings 9 9-7 (D)	D Probert	●103	G
6	(8)	-70306	**GISBURN** (9) R Hannon 5 9-6 (D)	S M Levey	100	GF
7	(14)	2-2145	**KNEBWORTH** (59) R Hughes 4 9-6 (D)	F Marsh	101	G
8	(16)	21-125	**BISHOP'S CROWN** (24) E J-Houghton 4 9-4 (BF, CD) (F)	C Bishop	100	S
9	(13)	0-0050	**TANMAWWY** (101) (H) H Main 6 9-4 (CD)	Billy Loughnane	89	GF
10	(2)	31-771	**AMAZONIAN DREAM** (28) B Millman 5 9-3 (CD) (SF)	J Gilligan	99	G
11	(4)	2-4230	**AL FARABI** (61) S C Williams 4 9-3	Rossa Ryan	101	ST
12	(15)	409-53	**HOME CITY** (30) K P De Foy 5 9-3 (D)	B Sayette	97	G
13	(9)	90-070	**INDIAN CREAK** (35) J Channon 7 9-1 (CD)	Rose Dawes (5)	90	GS
14	(10)	5-1200	**KING'S VANITY** (37) A Balding 4 9-1	O Murphy	95	SS
15	(3)	170-30	**ALCAZAN** (37) R Teal 6 8-6 (D)	K O'Neill	99	GF
16	(7)	81-548	**LADY DREAMER** (12) (V) T Ward 4 8-5 (CD)	L Morris	102	ST

BETTING: 9-2 Amazonian Dream, 7 Get It, Bishop's Crown, 8 First Folio, 10 Many A Star, Knebworth, 12 Spanish Star, King's Vanity.

2023: STERLING KNIGHT 4 9 9, David Probert 15-2 (E Dunlop), drawn (4), 9 ran.

7.30 FITZDARES WINDSOR HANDICAP (3) (3-Y-O) 6f Winner £9,631 (7 run)

1	(7)	8-15	**ARAMRAM** (16) R Hannon 9-9 (D) (F)	S Hitchcott	90	GF
2	(4)	1-6474	**SALVUCCIO** (14) (B) G Boughey 9-8	Billy Loughnane	94	G
3	(3)	41-231	**QUEEN'S GUARD** (13) M Bell 9-6 (D) (SF)	D Tudhope	97	ST
4	(1)	1-9246	**BEYOND BORDERS** (11) K R Burke 9-2 (D)	O Murphy	97	G
5	(6)	63-119	**JIMMY SPEAKING** (5) C Dwyer 9-1 (D)	S De Sousa	98	G
6	(2)	41-727	**SKY WARRIOR** (17) C Cox 8-13 (D)	Rossa Ryan	97	G
7	(5)	115-24	**THE GOOD BISCUIT** (11) J Channon 8-12 (D)	D Probert	●99	G

BETTING: 6-4 Queen's Guard, 10-3 Aramram, 7 The Good Biscuit, 8 Jimmy Speaking, Salvuccio, 10 Beyond Borders, 12 Sky Warrior.

8.00 FITZDARES JUNE HANDICAP (4) 1m Winner £5,653 (8 run)

1	(5)	91-356	**DIDEROT** (80) (H) J Ferguson 6 9-11 (D)	D Muscutt	92	ST
2	(7)	52-078	**EXCEL POWER** (15) A Watson 6 9-11 (CD)	L Morris	●95	ST
3	(4)	1-1675	**COMPOSITE** (7) (B) G Boughey 4 9-9 (EW)	Billy Loughnane	94	ST
4	(3)	636-41	**METABOLT** (13) D Loughnane 5 9-9 (CD) (SF)	Rossa Ryan	93	G
5	(1)	410308	**HIERONYMUS** (24) G Baker 8 9-7 (D)	C Bishop	92	ST
6	(8)	4522/5	**NAP HAND** (26) (H) A King 4 9-4 (F)	R Coakley	92	ST
7	(6)	480-03	**HIGH SPIRITED** (14) H Candy 4 9-1 (CD)	T Whelan	92	GF
8	(2)	255617	**THAPA VC** (26) M Rimell 6 8-11	D Probert	93	ST

BETTING: 11-4 Metabolt, 4 Diderot, 9-2 High Spirited, 5 Nap Hand, 7 Composite, 12 Hieronymus, Thapa VC, 14 Excel Power.

2023: METABOLT 4 9 3, Laura Pearson(3) 13-8 Fav (D Loughnane), drawn (1), 5 ran.

8.30 FITZDARES CLASSIFIED STAKES (6) 1m 3f Winner £3,768 (16 run)

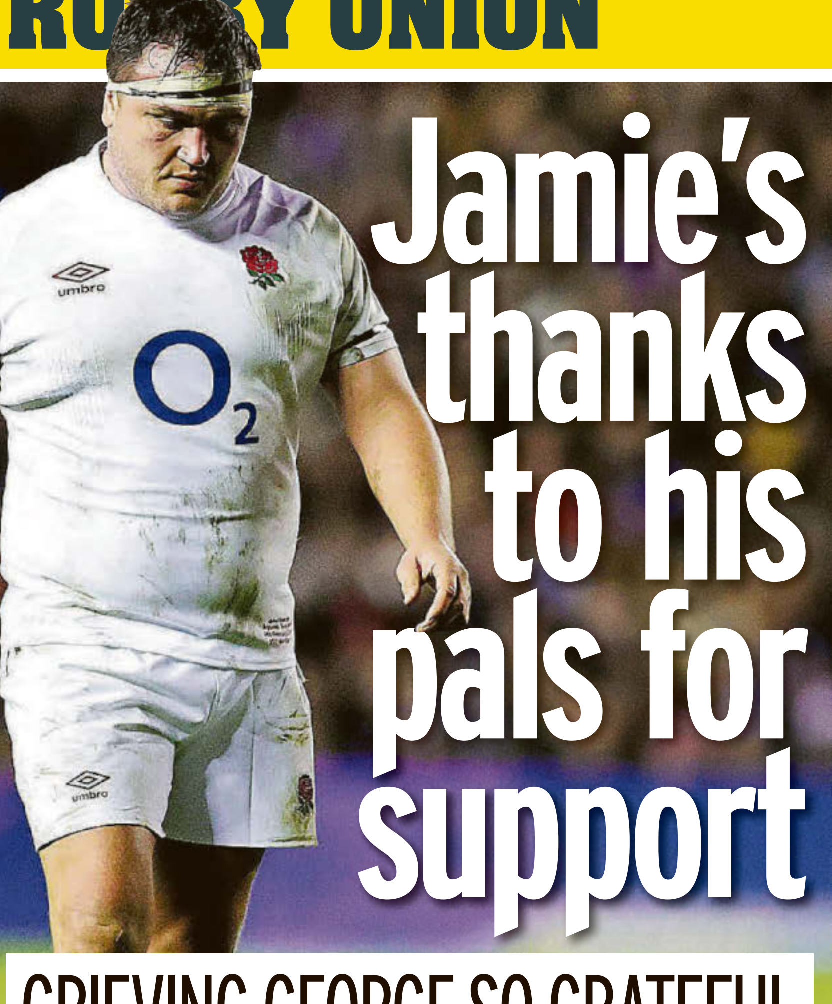
1	(8)	70-500	**ATWIXADAY** (13) (V) G & J Moore 4 9-13	Jason Watson	51	G
2	(1)	024-06	**BIG JIMBO** (20) (V) G & J Moore 7 9-13	C Shepherd	●60	ST
3	(5)	00-656	**CENTRAL CITY** (14) B Brookhouse 9 9-13 (D)	J Gilligan	52	G
4	(12)	-82544	**CERTAIN STYLE** (28) Mrs L Mongan 4 9-13	D Muscutt	51	GF
5	(10)	233373	**FOINIX** (13) (V) J & S Best 4 9-13	Dylan Hogan	52	SF
6	(6)	-02446	**IREZUMI** (20) (B) J Boyle 4 9-13	C Bennett	54	S
7	(15)	50-584	**NATIVE MELODY** (14) (B) G Kelleway 4 9-13	S Osborne	49	G
8	(2)	-00802	**PIRANHEER** (13) J & S Best 5 9-13	L Keniry	51	GF
9	(3)	0054	**THURSDAY** (20) S Dow 4 9-13	S De Sousa	52	G
10	(9)	799683	**EXCEPTIONALITY** (9) M Loughnane 3 9-0	Billy Loughnane	46	ST
11	(7)	000	**GLAD HOPE** (63) S Lycett 3 9-0	Elisha Whittington (3)	-	-
12	(16)	977-	**LADY BIRDIE** (173) A Balding 3 9-0 (EW)	D Probert	42	ST
13	(11)	95-53	**LETMEBETHEBOSS** (13) W Muir & C Grassick 3 9-0 (F)	L Edmunds	48	G
14	(13)	060-7	**PAGAN KING** (32) M Murphy & M Keady 3 9-0	P Bradley	36	ST
15	(4)	6-056	**PLATINUM PERFECT** (14) A Perrett 3 9-0	B Sayette	19	ST
16	(14)	090-02	**TOP FLIGHT CENTURY** (9) Sir M Prescott 3 9-0 (SF)	L Morris	52	G

BETTING: 4 Top Flight Century, 5 Big Jimbo, 11-2 Letmebetheboss, 7 Foinix, 8 Piranheer, Thursday, 12 Native Melody, Central City.

2023: IT'S HOW WE ROLL 9 10 1, D E Hogan 11-1 (Henry Oliver), drawn (13), 15 ran.

PRO-BET No bet today

SINGLE-SHOT STAR
(Top in-form jockey with just one booked ride)
Daniel Tudhope: **QUEEN'S GUARD (7.30 Windsor)**



Jamie's thanks to his pals for support

GRIEVING GEORGE SO GRATEFUL FOR HELP AFTER LOSS OF MUM

FROM **ADAM HATHAWAY** in Tokyo

JAMIE GEORGE has revealed his England team-mates helped him through the loss of his mother during the Six Nations - but he is still not over the grief.

Jane George, who the captain described as the 'biggest rugby fan on earth', died in February, just days before England faced Scotland in the Calcutta Cup at Murrayfield.

George played in that game in her memory after talking openly about how she was diagnosed with cancer the day he was offered the England captaincy just before the tournament.

Jane's illness meant she did not travel to see George's first two games as captain – against Italy and Wales – which were the first of his internationals she had missed in nine years.

The hooker, who will lead England against Japan in Tokyo on Saturday, admits he struggled to cope with the grieving process. He leaned on his playing mates for support and they stood with him, but George has still not come to terms with his loss.

The 33-year-old said: "I will be carrying that with me for a long, long time. Yes, I found it difficult, at times probably in the first few weeks post-Six Nations. I'm pretty open about that, I found it challenging.

"I've spoken to the right people, I've got great people around me, but in that situation, there's no quick fix.

"I've got to make sure I stay on top of it, keep talking to people, keep open and be honest with how I'm feeling. You're inside this bubble and you're almost outside of reality.

"The most encouraging thing is I have got some people in this team who really care about me.

"We're all in it together and we'll make sure we look after each other and keep an eye out for each other. For anyone who comes on tour with England, it should be the best time of your life."

Eddie Jones, now coach of Japan, gave George (with Jones, below) his first big break at international level, after taking over from Stuart Lancaster following the 2015 World Cup.

He was back-up to Dylan Hartley under Jones before getting his first Test start in 2017 and making the No.2 shirt his own. George is now wary of what Jones might be plotting in his first game as Japan boss – and against his old side.

George added: "He gets his teams right for big games. This is a huge game for him, the first game in Japan and us going back there. We've got a huge amount of respect for Eddie, he did great things for English rugby.

"When he speaks about Japanese rugby he speaks a lot about moving the ball, playing a fast game, high tempo, so that's probably something we can possibly think is coming. But who knows with Eddie, he's a master of his craft, isn't he?

"He really gave me my first opportunity and he prepares his teams very well. He'll have a good plan in terms of how to break us down."



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GOLF LADIES ITALIAN OPEN

TAYLOR'S TITLE WISH PAYS OFF

AMY TAYLOR'S wish for a first Ladies European Tour title came spectacularly true with a one-shot victory at the Italian Open.

The Englishwoman (right) held off the chasing pack at Golf Nazionale just days after tossing a coin into Rome's Trevi Fountain and wishing for her maiden success.

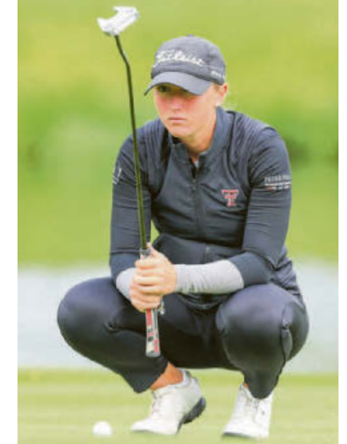
"I have no words at the moment. I can't believe it," Taylor said after a final round of 69 to pip Spain's Maria Hernandez (above). "Earlier this week I went to the Trevi Fountain and I did throw a coin in and wish that I would win. I didn't tell anyone, but it came true. Rome is a magical place and I'm so grateful to win.

"I felt a bit nervous before I started, but once I got on the golf course, it was just another round and I felt good. Luckily I got off to a good start. A few tap-in birdies really helped me."

Birdies on the third and fourth holes gave Taylor that positive start and she added further birdies at 14 and 16.

That left her needing a bogey or better on the last to wrap up the win.

Victory means she jumps 118 places into 21st in the LET Order of Merit standings.



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Massive crowds give Littler a huge buzz as he wows world

MAESTRO Littler is all smiles as he shows off another trophy as his rise continues

BY **KEITH WEBSTER**

LUKE LITTLER revealed he loves "playing in big arenas" after winning his sixth title in 2024.

The 17-year-old had to battle past Michael Smith in the semis, fighting back from 4-1 down to win 7-6.

But he then dominated Rob Cross in the final, winning 8-3 to claim the Poland Masters title at the PreZero Arena in Gliwice.

"I'm delighted to get the win, it's an amazing feeling to lift trophies in front of massive crowds," said Littler.

"I had a week off in Orlando (after the US Darts Masters) and there was a bit of rustiness at times but I've played well overall.

"Rob didn't play as well as he has been doing in the final and I punished him.

"I love playing in big arenas in front of thousands of people; I didn't expect 9,000 people in here tonight, it's just incredible."

He had earlier survived a tense semi-final with Smith, who led 4-1 and narrowly missed the bull going for a 124 finish, and then two match darts at double eight in the deciding leg before Littler found double five to prevail 7-6.

It proved something of a battle throughout with Luke the Nuke having earlier taken out treble 19, double top, double top for 137 to level at 5-5 in a classic match.

Warrington wizard Littler enjoyed a more straightforward path to victory in the final. He averaged 101.84, including hitting a killer 164 checkout to open up a 4-1 lead, with US Darts Masters champion Cross (circle) unable to mount a comeback.

Now the teenager is itching for more silverware after winning his second World Series crown.

"It's an amazing experience travelling the world on the World Series; I've loved my time in Poland," said Littler.

"I want to win as much as I can and this year. The first half of the period, it's been really good, picking up six titles, hitting numerous nine-darters, and I can't wait for the second half of the season to kick in."

Despite his defeat, Cross said he is "enjoying the game more than ever" and his disappointment was eased by the fact that he was beaten by a player who is at the top of his game.

"Luke was brilliant but I didn't do myself justice in the final," admitted Cross, who has starred in three World Series finals in as many weeks.

"I've loved being back in Poland, the crowd were absolutely amazing and I'd love to come back next year."



WORLD SERIES MASTERS EVENTS IN 2024 SO FAR

BAHRAIN:	Winner Luke Littler bt Michael van Gerwen 8-5
HOLLAND:	Winner Michael van Gerwen bt Luke Littler 8-6
USA:	Winner Rob Cross bt Gerwyn Price 8-7
NORDIC:	Winner Gerwyn Price bt Rob Cross 8-5
POLAND:	Winner Luke Littler bt Rob Cross 8-3
EVENTS TO COME:	
AUSTRALIA:	(9-10 August)
NZ:	(16-17 August)
AMSTERDAM:	World Series of Darts finals (13-15 September)

HIGH FLIER Littler shows his delight after Bahrain glory

BOXING

BISH BASH BOSC

PUNCH PERFECT Billam-Smith celebrates after securing a points win over Riakporhe

Dorset hero Billam-Smith eyes Vegas after dismantling Riakporhe

BY **CHRIS McKENNA** @cmckennasport

CHRIS BILLAM-SMITH will head to 'Bosc Vegas' this morning for pancakes, dreaming that he can aim for Las Vegas next to flatten Gilberto Ramirez.

"From Bosc Vegas to Las Vegas," said the WBO cruiserweight champion after he retained his title and got revenge against Richard Riakporhe at Selhurst Park on Saturday night.

Billam-Smith was referring to the area of Boscombe in his beloved home of Bournemouth (below) which is known by locals as 'Bosc Vegas'.

The Cherries fan had his professional debut at the O2 Academy which resides in that area of the south-coast town and won the WBO title by beating Lawrence Okolie at the Vitality Stadium there.

While his favourite breakfast spot – Cafe Boscanova – will be visited this morning as the celebrations continue. "Drop the boy to nursery and go there for breakfast," he said.

"I'll be there for the pancakes."

But it was back when he made his debut in 2017 that he began dreaming of going to the fight capital of the world and now he wants to face WBA champion Gilberto 'Zurdo' Ramirez there in a unification clash.

"The fact I had my debut there, I always thought 'Imagine one day if I fought in Vegas. We could call the documentary Bosc Vegas to Las Vegas'," he said.

"Anyone that tries to nick that name, Sky Sports or whoever will have to pay me!

"This is boxing, anything can happen. If it is Zurdo Ramirez, which seems the most likely fight in America, then a lot of his fights are in LA.

"He has boxed at the Cosmopolitan in Vegas so it is a possibility. I just want to go to America. I'm not a prima donna, I'm not saying where I will and won't fight. I'll take it as it comes."

The fact Billam-Smith is even dreaming of fighting in Sin City shows how far he has come since that debut in 2017.

Even in 2019, he suffered a close points decision to Riakporhe and it looked like nights like Saturday at Selhurst Park wouldn't be possible.

But he spoiled Crystal Palace fan Riakporhe's night with an almost punch-perfect display to nullify the lacklustre challenger on a cold and wet evening at the home of the Eagles. The cards of 116-111, 115-112 and 115-112 were too close which showed just how much has changed since the 2019 meeting between the pair.

It marks another point of improvement for a fighter who, by his own admission, wasn't blessed with huge talent but continues to impress.

He said: "All we can do in life is improve right? You're never finished as a human being in terms of trying to improve.

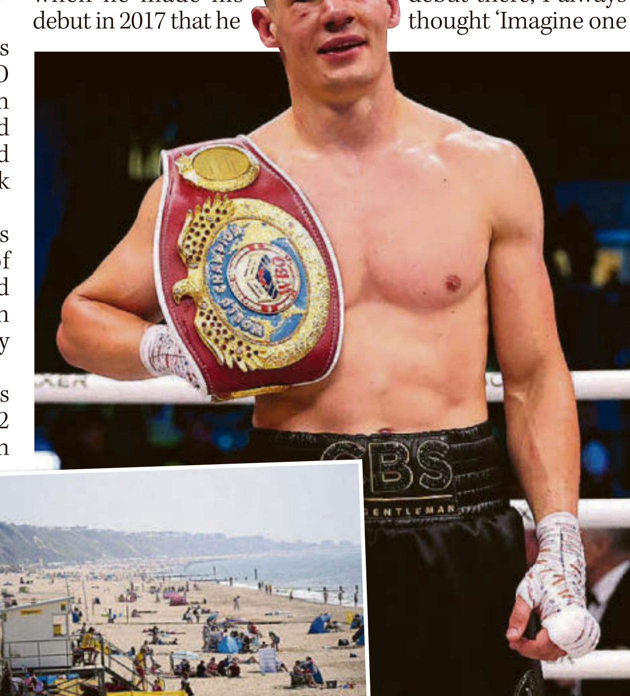
"I want to improve as a father, as a person on the street, as a fighter every day.

"I probably wind my wife up all the time thinking 'I can do better there' or 'we can do better there' or 'we can be nicer here'. It's just in me, it's a growth mindset."

He's eyeing up Vegas next in his fight career but the first stop is Germany and England against Denmark on Thursday.

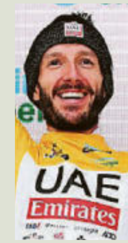
"Hopefully I can blag a ticket," he added. "What a summer it's going to be. I've got a stag do in Marbella next weekend too."





CYCLING TOUR DE SUISSE

Yates is summit special



BRIT Adam Yates held off a challenge from team-mate Joao Almeida to win the Tour de Suisse.

Yates (top), who won a stage at the Tour de France last year, finished second in the final stage of the race – a time trial – but it was still enough to claim overall victory by 22 seconds.

It meant Team Emirates riders occupied the top two places for the final four stages of the Swiss race.

Yates said: "About two days to go, I wasn't sure if I could do it. Obviously, I had the two time checks with Joao in front of me and I knew he was going to accelerate a little bit in the end.

"Actually, I just couldn't accelerate, I was already over the limit so I just tried to hold the pace and thankfully it was enough.

"I'm still out of breath because it was such a hard climb, but in the back of my mind for a while was the 2019 Tirreno-Adriatico, where I lost the TT on the last day by one second. This had lived rent-free in my head for many years so it's finally good to win a race and win it with a TT like this."

Britons Tom Pidcock (inset) and Oscar Onley finished sixth and eighth respectively in the overall standings.

MOTOR SPORT LE MANS

Ferrari turn it red again

FERRARI made it two in a row as they outlasted Toyota to win a weather-affected 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The trio of Nicklas Nielsen (above), Antonio Fuoco and Miguel Molina crossed the line 14 seconds ahead of Nyck de Vries, Kamui Kobayashi and Jose Maria Lopez.

The Ferrari helmed by Alessandro Pier Guidi, James Calado and Antonio Giovinazzi rounded out the top three in the latest running of the most iconic sports car race in the world.

Rain and fog brought out the safety car in the early hours of the morning with Ferrari jostling with Toyota and Porsche for top spot. But with dawn breaking, the racing resumed under a green flag with several teams in contention.



With less than six hours remaining the No. 50 Ferrari made its move just before more rain fell with Fuoco moving up the grid.

Nielsen then survived more late drama when a flapping door forced the car into an unscheduled pit stop.

Jenson Button's (above) Jota Porsche team finished ninth to secure the former Formula One world champion his first top-10 finish at Le Mans.

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BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE



London Broncos 6 St Helens 52

BY **STEVE MASCORD**

ST HELENS hooker Daryl Clark scored an ultra-rare 'true hat-trick' against London and admitted he was not aware of his three-in-a-row achievement.

The England star crossed in the 45th, 50th and 53rd minutes to help pilot Paul Wellens' side back to the top of Super League.

It was a match which started poorly when former Golden Boot winner Tommy Makinson was forced off with a recurrence of a foot injury that may sideline him for a month.

The 31-year-old Clark was chuffed to have crossed three times but said he hadn't even considered the fact they had been consecutive, a rare-as-hens-teeth occurrence hailed by Wellens.

"I didn't realise that," Clark – the man called in to replace James Roby at Saints this year – said.

"It's taken me 14 years to get my second hat-trick so I'm not too fussed what order they come in or what minutes they're in."

Wellens said: "It's very rare. It's great for him to get the rewards for doing the tough stuff in the game."

But in response to Clark then ankle-tapping flying Broncos centre Jarred Bassett with his side ahead 52-0 in the 78th minute, Wellens added: "For me as a coach, that's as impressive as any of the tries he scored because it shows his desire to chase back in the dying minutes of the game."

Makinson meanwhile put on a brave face, saying: "It's just my plantar fascia playing up. It's OK, it's going to be all right. It's nothing to worry about."

But Wellens said last time Makinson suffered from the condition, in 2019, he was sidelined for four weeks.

"He knew straight away that he'd done something," Wellens said, paying tribute to Mark Percival switching to the wing and Waqa Blake swapping to the right flank, where he scored the first two tries of the match.

London did manage a consolation score through Lee Kershaw, Oliver Leyland with the extras, but Saints ran out convincing victors.

It was London's first game at Twickenham Stoop in 11 years and coach Mike Eccles hailed fans for turning up in numbers.

"What could we do as a group of players?" said Eccles.

"We've got one million against four million in terms of spend, X number of internationals against whatever we've got… but if we're really honestand we try as hard as we can it gives something for people to get behind, doesn't it?"



SUPER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	14	11	0	3	405	142	22
Wigan	13	11	0	2	367	164	22
Hull K R	14	10	0	4	370	189	20
Warrington	14	9	0	5	334	195	18
Salford	14	9	0	5	275	270	18
Catalans	14	8	0	6	266	202	16
Leeds	14	7	0	7	256	260	14
Huddersfield	14	6	0	8	280	295	12
Leigh	13	5	1	7	254	208	11
Castleford	14	3	1	10	226	416	7
Hull	14	2	0	12	180	450	4
London Broncos	14	1	0	13	140	562	2

GIVE IT A WAQ! Saints' Waqa Blake goes for the spectacular but Clark (right) made some history

DARYL IS SIMPLY THREEMENDOUS



Saints back on top as hooker Clark runs in rare 'true' hat-trick



TENNIS

JACK SHOWS WHO'S BOSS

Draper celebrates top spot with ATP win

BY NEIL McLEMAN
@NeilMcLeman

JACK DRAPER celebrated becoming the new British No.1 by winning his first ATP Tour title and embarrassing the bungling sponsors.

And the left-hander is now set to be seeded at Wimbledon for the first time.

Draper fought back to beat former SW19 finalist Matteo Berrettini 3-6 7-6 6-4 in the final of the Boss Open in Stuttgart.

The 22-year-old had missed the grass season last year with a shoulder injury which saw him fall out of the top 100, and he lost his first two ATP Tour finals in Sofia and Adelaide.

He also admitted he was struggling with his game after losing in the first round of the French Open.

But Draper refound his form and fitness on grass to seal the biggest win of his career with his 12th ace.

"It's incredible to win my first title, it means so much to me," he said. "So many ups and downs, lots of tough moments, but it's moments like these that you have to embrace.

"I've been working so hard and it's testament to my perseverance and the amazing people I have around me.

"The power of belief, especially in tennis, is a huge thing. I want to be someone who goes out and takes command of the court and plays like a top player, plays like a guy who's 6ft 4in, instead of a guy who is 5ft 6in.

"This will give me a massive confidence boost. I will remember this for a long time."

Draper, who will play the Cinch Championships this week, is set to break into the world's 30 for the first time with the Wimbledon seedings confirmed next Monday.

"It's a big achievement, a big goal of mine to be seeded in Wimbledon and hopefully I can have a good run there," he said.

The German sponsors were less confident in Draper winning in Stuttgart. As well as the £95,000 first prize, Draper was also presented with a hybrid e-bike in the khaki colours of Italian Berrettini, a Boss ambassador.

Hugo Boss chief executive Daniel Grieder said: "Unfortunately this bike is for the winner. I covered it in the wrong colours.

"Matteo, it was actually for you. So we have to do a second bike in the colours of Jack."

Draper said: "They're confident in their player.

"I'm sure they're disappointed, like Matteo, but it feels good to pull through. I'm not sure how it would look driving down Putney in one of those. But I'll have to give it a try at some point.

"What colours will I get it in? I'll order it in all black like Batman!"



SITTING PRETTY Draper in action and showing off his bike – with Grieder (left) chatting away



RAD PUTS FITNESS BEFORE OLYMPICS

BY NEIL SQUIRES

EMMA RADUCANU says she is no diva and loves playing for her country – despite turning down a Team GB place at the Olympics.

Raducanu, who lost to Katie Boulter in the semi-final of the Rothesay Open in Nottingham yesterday, had the carrot of a wildcard for Paris dangled in front of her as a former Grand Slam champion.

But, after skipping the French Open qualifiers last month, she has also rejected the chance to play at Roland Garros in the Games to prioritise her own fitness. Raducanu (top) said: "For me it was pretty clear from the start.

"I'm very single-minded and I do things my own way and at my own time whenever I want – not in a diva way – but just prioritising my body and my health because I know if I'm fit, if I'm giving my 100 percent, I know great things are coming.

"I just don't think there's any need to put additional stress on my body or any risk, especially with my history. Clay is more demanding on the body, for sure. It's more physical, it's longer points.

"But it's more just the change between clay and grass, and then back to clay and then on to the hard.

"It's not necessary at this point to put my body through that.

"I love playing for my country. That was pretty clear at the Billie Jean King Cup. I did enjoy the week in France very much. But the Olympics is just not the right time for me this year."

ANDY'S IN BUT STILL A DOUBT



BY NEIL McLEMAN

ANDY MURRAY has revealed he is still not "100 per cent sure" to play in the Olympics despite being named in the GB team.

The double gold medallist has been handed a wildcard to play in the singles for a record fifth time. And Murray, who appeared at Queen's Club yesterday in his red GB tracksuit, and Dan Evans have also been nominated as a second British doubles pairing in Paris. The ITF will give a decision by June 25.

Murray, 37 (above), will play doubles with Evans at the cinch Championships this week and Wimbledon with his brother Jamie.

And that could yet be his farewell appearance if he decides against going back to Roland Garros and playing the Olympics. Asked if he would play the singles if he is not also in the doubles, Murray said: "I'm not 100 per cent sure. It depends physically how I'm doing and how the next few weeks go as well. But my plan just now is to play but it's not straightforward.

"I've really enjoyed playing the Olympics over the years and the chance to play in another one, I'm excited about that. I find out in the next 10 days or so on the doubles what's going to happen."

Murray is in the squad with Jack Draper, Cam Norrie and Dan Evans and doubles specialists Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski.

At Queen's Club, world No.97 Murray plays a qualifier in the first round and would then face the winner of No.7 seed Holger Rune and Aussie Jordan Thompson in the second round if he gets through.

ABSENT ALEX RAINS ON BOULTER TITLE PARADE

BY NEIL SQUIRES

THE Queen of Nottingham Katie Boulter showed all her fight to retain her Rothesay Open title.

Handed a hellish final-day schedule by the rain, a weary Boulter (right) came from behind to beat former Wimbledon finalist Karolina Pliskova in the final.

The 4-6 6-3 6-2 win made it a double for defending champion Boulter while boyfriend Alex de Minaur won the Libema Open in the Netherlands earlier in the day. But the Aussie ace was told in no uncertain terms that he should have made more of an effort to see her complete it.

"My boyfriend didn't make the trip, even though I thought he might after his win in Hertogenbosch," she said. "So we will have to be talking about that tonight and see if we are still together. I hope he is listening to this, we have got some talking to do."

De Minaur had made a rod for his own back by flying in to see Boulter win her first WTA title in San Diego in March after he had won in Mexico.

Boulter came from behind in three of her five matches,



including the three-hour 13-minute semi-final against Emma Raducanu, which finished barely two hours before the final.

"Today was brutal. The crowd got me through it," Boulter said. "It is incredible to be here, it's got a special place in my heart."

Jacob Fearnley came from a set down to take the men's Challenger event, beating fellow Brit Charles Broom 4-6 6-4 6-3. The World No.525 studies at Texas Christian University.

DMIST

CRICKET T20 WORLD CUP

JOCK AYE THE PHEW

Buttler admits he was nervous watching Scotland's heroics... but is 'chomping at the bit' to kickstart Super 8s campaign

CAPTAIN'S TOUGH WAIT
Buttler & Co saw off Namibia but were made to sweat by Scotland



BY **RORY DOLLARD**

JOS BUTTLER says his England side are "chomping at the bit" to kickstart their T20 World Cup defence after a nervy wait to secure their place in the last eight.

The reigning champions squeezed through the group stage on net run-rate, edging out Scotland (walking off after losing to Australia, above) after they fell agonisingly short of shocking the Aussies, and will now hope to reset after a chaotic time in the Caribbean.

A washout against the Scots, a rapid-fire win over an Oman side that took a grand total of 99 balls and another rain-affected win over Namibia in Antigua on Saturday means England have hardly had time to establish a regular rhythm.

A heavy loss to Australia in their only full game could have dented confidence but their campaign effectively begins anew in the Super 8s, where they will take on co-hosts the West Indies, South Africa and the United States in the space of five breakneck days with a semi-final spot up for grabs.

England had to wait nearly six hours after their own match was finished to discover their fate and it was almost midnight by the time Buttler found out for sure that his side were not heading for an early exit.

Now, though, he is ready to look forward not back.

"It was a nervous watch at times," admitted Buttler. "But we are pleased to go through. We're looking forward to the Super 8s and getting into the tournament. Thankfully we can now prepare for a big week of crucial matches in St Lucia and Barbados against strong opposition.

"It's going to be a challenge but we've had so many rain-affected games people are chomping at the bit to play.

"I think we've reacted really well, I think the team has been in a really good place all tournament so far and I thought, with all the anxieties around, everyone handled it well.

"Credit to all the guys who stayed really level, there didn't seem to be any panic."

While Buttler made no secret of his own turmoil over the course of the day, which included a three-hour rain delay at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and the very real prospect of an abandonment that would have sent them packing, not everyone in the squad was at their wits end.

Jofra Archer, whose return to fitness has elevated the English attack after a long absence, had a very different response.

For Buttler, it was an encouraging sign of a player back at ease on the international stage. We were having a good laugh because we were in and out looking at the weather and Jofra was asleep on a bench," he said.

"He didn't look too stressed and I think that tells you where he's at, he's in a really good place.

"I'm just delighted to see him back in an England shirt playing on the big stage.

"He's certainly exceeded my expectations for where he would be at, even though he was probably expecting that of himself."

SUPER MAC RALLIES REELING SCOTS

BY **JOSHUA PECK**

BRANDON McMULLEN believes Scotland will bounce back stronger after narrowly missing a place in the Super 8s stage of the T20 World Cup.

England's rain-affected victory over Namibia meant Scotland needed to get a result against Australia to progress.

But despite giving their opponents a scare, they slipped to a five-wicket defeat with only two balls to spare.

Captain McMullen (left) fired 60 from 34 balls to help Scotland post 180 before Travis Head replied with 68.

With Australia needing 60 from the final five overs, Marcus Stoinis hit a game-changing half-century.

McMullen insists Scotland are hurting, but will come back better from the loss.

He said: "It's hugely disappointing – as a group we've played some real good cricket in this tournament.

"We had a good start in the first innings but we just couldn't quite back it up in the bowling. We try to keep raising the bar each game we go to. We've enjoyed ourselves at the World Cup and we'll be back next time stronger."

Scotland's failure to qualify for the Super 8s means they do not gain automatic qualification for the next tournament. McMullen added: "Having to qualify for that next T20 World Cup in 2026, we still have to play good cricket leading up to it.

"It's obviously unfortunate that we could have qualified straight away going into the Super 8s, but we can take a lot of positives out from this tournament."

Aussie star Mitchell Marsh praised Scotland for their campaign.

"Scotland are a good team, they have improved a lot and we certainly wanted to respect them," Marsh said.

"Whenever our team is challenged, it brings the best out of us. Today we were challenged. The World Cup kind of starts again now."

GOLF US OPEN

PINEHURST FINAL DAY



HE'S FLAT FITZPATRICK

Former champion puts final flourish down to luck as he finally beats par



MATT'S STRUGGLES Fitzpatrick finished well but it was a tough week for the former champion

BY **ANDREW GAMBLE** from Pinehurst

MATT FITZPATRICK ended a frustrating US Open campaign on a high with a below-par final 18 holes attributed to 'luck'.

Two years on from his victory at Brookline, Fitzpatrick carded a fine one-under 69 to end a disappointing week at 13-over.

He was all smiles during his finishing flourish yesterday, but insisted nothing differed from a third-round 79 that was plagued by inconsistent ball striking.

"Luck. That's why I played better today – I got some lucky bounces," Fitzpatrick said.

"Today I hit some iron shots that stayed on the green and made a couple of putts.

"It's been like that all week. It was just a bit firmer yesterday. But pin placements are a big thing.

"Obviously, there are not too many options out there – with the greens the way they are – but I think pin placements make a big difference. There were probably some out there yesterday that were maybe half a shot harder than other days."

Fitzpatrick bears no ill will toward the treacherous greens that have hogged the headlines all week. He lamented the need for precision from irons to find success, which isn't his 'strong suit'.

To understand the play of the contenders as they navigate the challenge posed by Pinehurst No.2, Fitzpatrick said the course must be seen to be believed.

He said: "It's a good test, you have to be precise, you have to give good golf shots. I watched the coverage yesterday. I watched Bryson DeChambeau play very, very well and deserve his score.

"I watched Rory McIlroy do the same thing. I watched a lot of good golf shots and that's why they are where they are. They hit good golf shots and made the putts to go with them. That's the aim of the game. But you just have to be very precise and it can make you look silly in an instant.

"It's great for TV because I'm a player myself, I'm laughing at myself when people putt it up and over the green and it doesn't stay on. It's hard to do it justice when people at home haven't been here to understand the difficulty of it. I think TV has done a half-decent job of explaining that."

While there has been plenty of debate surrounding the course's difficulty, Fitzpatrick prefers the set-up to that of the PGA Championship, won by Xander Schauffele at Valhalla last month.

"Put it this way, it's a much better test than the US PGA set-up. I feel like the US PGAs tend to be pretty similar, you know what you're getting, which is great to be fair, but when you come to places like this you've got to do your homework and think your way around a bit more."



CANT WE BE FRIENDS McIlroy shakes hands with old Ryder Cup rival Patrick Cantlay and caddie Joe LaCava ahead of the final round





BATTLE STATIONS McIlroy and LaCava clashed at Ryder Cup last year

'AMAZING TO PLAY WITH MASTER SCHEF'



TOM McKIBBIN matched Scottie Scheffler shot for shot as the world No.1 finished a miserable US Open campaign on eight-over par.

They both carded a two-over-par 72 and Northern Irishman McKibbin (with Scheffler, left) admitted: "It was a great experience to play with the guy that's been the best in the world for the last couple of years and to play alongside him and get an up-close look at it was pretty cool. It was awesome.

"There was a good lot of chat, he's probably one of the nicest guys I've played with – a lot of chit-chat going around and it was really good. Obviously the best players in the world are here so to be able to play four rounds gives me a lot of confidence."

Masters champion Scheffler (right) was not the only big name to struggle – five-time Major winner Brooks Koepka endured a turbulent week and capped it off with an even-par 70.



RESULTS & FIXTURES

European Championships Group C

SERBIA (0)............0 ENGLAND (1)........1
Bellingham 13

SLOVENIA (0).........1 DENMARK (1).......1
Janza 77 — Eriksen 17

Group D

POLAND (1)...........1 NETHERLANDS (1) 2
Buksa 16 — Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83
Att: 48,117

International Match

ARGENTINA (2)......4 GUATEMALA (1)...1

CRICKET

T20 BLAST - NORTH GROUP

Nottinghamshire v Durham (Trent Bridge): Durham 58-0 (5.0 overs). Nottinghamshire. *No result. Nottinghamshire (1pts) Durham (1pts).*

Derbyshire v Warwickshire (Derby): Derbyshire 133-7 (20.0 overs; D L Lloyd 50). Warwickshire 136-3 (18.5 overs; D R Mousley 66no). *Warwickshire (2pts) beat Derbyshire by 7 wickets.*

Durham v Lancashire (Riverside): Durham 218-3 (20.0 overs; G Clark 87, D G Bedingham 78). Lancashire 216-8 (20.0 overs). *Durham (2pts) beat Lancashire by 2 runs.*

Worcestershire v Northamptonshire (New Road): Northamptonshire 143-6 (20.0 overs; M P Breetzke 52). Worcestershire 132-7 (20.0 overs). *Northamptonshire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by 11 runs.*

Yorkshire v Leicestershire (Headingley): Leicestershire 166 (19.5 overs; R K Patel 64). Yorkshire 146-9 (20.0 overs). *Leicestershire (2pts) beat Yorkshire by 20 runs.*

T20 BLAST - SOUTH GROUP

Sussex v Surrey (Hove): Surrey 184-8 (20.0 overs). Sussex 130 (18.1 overs). *Surrey (2pts) beat Sussex by 54 runs.*

Kent v Gloucestershire (Canterbury): Kent 125 (19.5 overs). Gloucestershire 127-1 (11.4 overs; M A H Hammond 80). *Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Kent by 9 wickets.*

Somerset v Glamorgan (Taunton): Somerset 193-8 (20.0 overs; W Smeed 86; D A Douthwaite 4-37). Glamorgan 85 (13.2 overs). *Somerset (2pts) beat Glamorgan by 108 runs.*

ICC WORLD TWENTY20 - GROUP A—Ireland v Pakistan (Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground): Ireland 106-9 (20.0 overs; S S Afridi 3-22; S I Wasim 3-8); Pakistan 111-7 (18.5 overs; B J McCarthy 3-15).

GROUP B—Namibia v England (North Sound): England 122-5 (10.0 overs). Namibia 84-3 (10.0 overs). *England (2pts) beat Namibia by 41 runs (D/L Method).*

Australia v Scotland (Gros Islet): Scotland 180-5 (20.0 overs; B J McMullen 60). Australia 186-5 (19.4 overs; T M Head 68, M P Stoinis 59). *Australia (2pts) beat Scotland by 5 wickets.*

GOLF

US OPEN (Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina)—**Latest Final rnd** (USA unless stated, Par 70): (a) denotes amateurs **280** S Burns 73 67 73 67, **283** T Fleetwood (Eng) 70 75 70 68, **284** S Lowry (Irl) 74 71 70 69, **285** D Berger 73 70 73 69, M Greyserman 71 74 72 68, S Jaeger (Ger) 70 70 73 72, Min-Woo Lee (Aus) 73 69 72 71.

LPGA TOUR MEIJER CLASSIC (Belmont, Massachusetts)—**Final rnd** (USA unless stated, Par 72): **272** L Vu 69 70 68 65, G Kim (Aus) 68 65 66 73, L Thompson 71 68 65 68, **273** A Ewing 70 63 71 69, **274** A Corpuz 68 68 68 70, Na-Rin An (Kor) 67 68 69 70.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League

CATALANS..............2 LEIGH.................10
Catalans Dragons—**G**: Mourgue.
Leigh—T: Amone. **G**: Moylan (3).

HULL.................18 LEEDS.................10
Hull—T: Martin, Balmforth, Scott. **G**: Reynolds (3).
Leeds—T: Handley, Newman. **G**: Martin.

LONDON BRONCOS..6 ST HELENS..........52
London Broncos—**T**: Kershaw. **G**: O. Leyland.
St Helens—**T**: Blake (2), Dodd, Mbye, Clark (3), Hurrell, Percival. **G**: Percival (8).

Betfred Women's Super League— Barrow Raiders 6 Wigan Warriors 46, Featherstone Rovers 10 Warrington Wolves 16, Huddersfield Giants 4 Leeds Rhinos 42.

RUGBY UNION

United Rugby Championship Semi-Finals

BLUE BULLS.......25 LEINSTER............20
MUNSTER...........10 GLASGOW...........17

TODAY'S DIARY

European Championship Group E

Belgium v Slovakia (5pm)...................... (Live on ITV 1)
Romania v Ukraine (2pm)...................... (Live on BBC 1)

Group D

Austria v France (8pm)......................... (Live on ITV 1)

CRICKET

ICC World Twenty20 - Group C

New Zealand v PNG (Tarouba, 3.30pm).
West Indies v Afghanistan (Gros Islet, 1:30am, Tuesday)

SLOVENIA 1 DENMARK 1 GROUP C
FROM STUTTGART ARENA





ERIKSEN HAS A GOALDEN STORY WITH DENMARK

FROM **RYAN TAYLOR**
in Stuttgart

CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN shared his relief at changing his European Championships story despite Denmark's failure to see off Slovenia in their Group C opener in Stuttgart.

The 32-year-old midfielder (below), who in his words "died for five minutes" on his last Euros outing against Finland in 2021 after suffering a cardiac arrest, put the Danes ahead when he collected Jonas Wind's clever flick before firing home.

But Denmark lived to rue several missed chances, including a sitter from Manchester United team-mate Rasmus Hojlund, as Erik Janza struck a well-deserved deflected leveller with 13 minutes to play.

Man of the Match Eriksen (top) said: "I do think this time at the Euros my story is very different compared to last time, which is a big thing for me personally.

"I was very pleased. I did have in mind that I hadn't scored at the Euros.

"I didn't think about anything else other than football. I was just happy to help the team with the first goal.

"It would have been a different story if we got the three points. It was a wake-up call heading into the next game."

Hojlund could have had Denmark out of sight when Victor Kristiansen fizzed the ball across the face of goal – but his weak effort lacked conviction and was smothered by Slovenia's Atletico Madrid goalkeeper Jan Oblak.

Denmark had dominated proceedings up until that point but Slovenia fought back valiantly, inspired by talisman Benjamin Sesko, who has been courted recently by Arsenal, Chelsea and Manchester United.

After former Middlesbrough striker Andraz Sporar missed two great openings, Sesko fired against the post from 25 yards before Janza found the target from the resulting corner via a deflection off Joachim Andersen.

Meanwhile, Denmark boss Kasper Hjulmand hit out at critics that questioned his decision to include Eriksen in his squad following a tough season at Old Trafford.

Hjulmand said: "I've never doubted Christian as a football player, you cannot hold down that kind of class.

"He's a natural player that knows the rhythm of the game, I know the critics have said he hasn't played so much at Manchester United but he showed quality."

SLOVENIA: Oblak 7, Karnicnik 6, Drkusic 7, Bijol 8, Janza 8, Stojanovic 6 (Verbic 67, 7), Cerin 6, Elsnik 6 (Celar 76, 7), Mlakar 6 (Stankovic 76, 7), Sporar 5 (Brekalo 90), Sesko 7 (Kurtic 90)
DENMARK: Schmeichel 6, Christensen 7, Andersen 6, Vestergaard 7, Bah 6, Hjulmand 6 (Delaney 89), Hojbjerg 5 (Norgaard 84), Kristiansen 8 (Maehle 79, 6), Eriksen **MOTM** 8, Wind 7 (Dolberg 93), Hojlund 5 (Poulsen 83)
REFEREE: Sandro Scharer

SERBIA 0 ENGLAND 1
Bellingham 13

Saka is the wing commander for Gareth's troops





GROUP C
ARENA AUFSCHALKE

BELL OF THE BALL Bellingham goal joy with Saka and (left) Trent Alexander-Arnold; (left) Saka

ANDY DUNN
Britain's best Sports Writer

FROM **ANDY DUNN** in Gelsenkirchen

AFTER Jude Bellingham had introduced himself to Euro 2024 with typical Jude Bellingham timing, Harry Kane made a beeline for Bukayo Saka.

It was a captain's gesture – making sure the provider got the same sort of credit as the man who was knee-sliding towards the cameras.

And it was recognition for a player whose contribution to Gareth Southgate's overall body of work can sometimes be underestimated.

Ahead of this match, when Southgate's attacking permutations were being discussed, the odd pundit suggested starting line-ups that did not include the Arsenal player.

That was never going to happen. Away from the attacker's club manager and colleagues, no one values Saka's effectiveness more highly than the England manager does. It is an honour that he has never shouted about from the rooftops but, in case you didn't know, Saka has been England's official Player of the Year for the past two seasons.

And both times, that honour was well deserved. In his 24 starts for England, Saka now has 27 goal contributions, rarely failing to make an impact. The assist for Bellingham's bullet header inside the opening 15 minutes was just a touch fortuitous – taking a deflection en route – but the run that got him into the position of danger was typical of his work, particularly his first-half work. And his combination with Kyle Walker is, quite possibly, England's most potent attacking ploy.

Apart from the goal, every dangerous moment created by England in the first half came down the right flank. Serbia's left-sided defender Strahinja Pavlovic suffered a torrid time.

In fact, England would have been further ahead at the break had Phil Foden – after Saka had yet again scooted beyond his defender – read his team-mate's intentions better. Foden certainly took some time to get to grips with Southgate's tactics.

Getting the very best out of the Footballer of the Year is a challenge the England coach continues to grapple with.

And it is a difficult one, especially as Kieran Trippier still looks slightly awkward when operating on the left.

There is certainly no rapport between Trippier and Foden.

But to think there is still a lot more to come from Foden is a hugely encouraging thought for England fans.

And there will need to be a lot more to come from this England squad, as a whole, if they are going to go deep into the tournament.

Trent Alexander-Arnold had, to be kind, a mixed night.

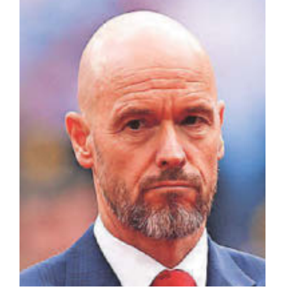
There is every chance his tenure in the middle of midfield might well be a short one. And John Stones was not completely footsure in the centre of England's defence, although his partner, Marc Guehi, posted an accomplished performance.

There were as many grounds for concern as there were for encouragement in this opening Group C encounter.

England didn't create nearly enough with their early dominance and they did not look as physically sharp as you might expect. Let's put it this way, it was hardly a statement performance from England.

But before he went off after 75 minutes – he has been struggling slightly with a groin problem – it was a statement from one player.

It was a reminder that when it comes to highlighting the key England players, it is wrong to only pick out the likes of scorer Bellingham, Kane (circle) and Declan Rice. If England do go all the way in Germany, the chances are that Bukayo Saka will have played a major part.



'Reds had talks with rival boss'

BY **FRASER WATSON**

ERIK TEN HAG was made aware of talks between Manchester United and Thomas Tuchel, before part-owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe decided to retain him as manager.

The 54-year-old last week learned he would be in charge at Old Trafford for the 2024/25 campaign.

The announcement ended weeks of speculation over Ten Hag's future.

The former Ajax boss (above) was widely expected to be sacked following the FA Cup final – despite his side beating local rivals Manchester City 2-1 at Wembley.

INEOS chief Ratcliffe allegedly made contact with Tuchel (below) to discuss him taking over at Old Trafford, as well as Mauricio Pochettino after the Argentinian left Chelsea.

Speaking on Dutch TV, Ten Hag admitted he was aware of club discussions with the German.

"Manchester United have told me that they spoke with Tuchel," he said.

"But they eventually came to the conclusion that they already have the best manager."

Despite landing a second trophy in two seasons with the Red Devils, Ten Hag oversaw an erratic league campaign.

His side finished eighth, and suffered a record number of 14 Premier League defeats.

But he insisted he did not feel undermined by Ratcliffe sounding out other potential managers, with club chiefs visiting the Dutchman while on holiday.

"INEOS took their time," said Ten Hag. "They are new in football, it's normal to reflect the season. It's no secret that they talked with multiple candidates.

"Manchester United and I still have to find an agreement for the new contract. This isn't easily done, we are still going to have to talk about this.

"They (Manchester United) flew to me in Ibiza."

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THREE LIONS SERB UP AN ACE

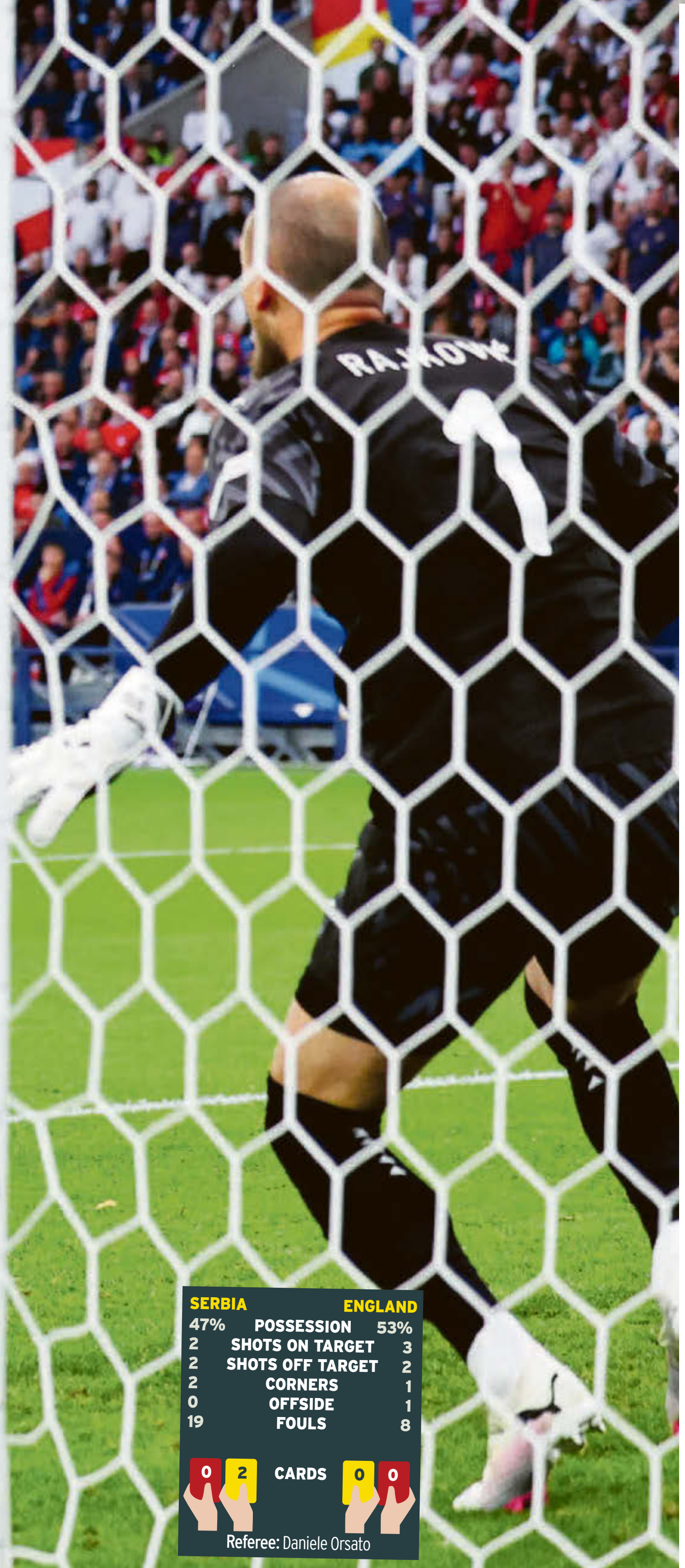
Bellingham heads Southgate stars into dreamland as they roar in opening win

BELL OF THE BALL Real Madrid star Jude Bellingham stoops to net the winning goal for England





GROUP C
ARENA AUFSCHALKE



SERBIA		ENGLAND
47%	POSSESSION	53%
2	SHOTS ON TARGET	3
2	SHOTS OFF TARGET	2
2	CORNERS	1
0	OFFSIDE	1
19	FOULS	8
0 2	CARDS	0 0

Referee: Daniele Orsato

BY **JOHN CROSS**
Chief Football Writer
@johncrossmirror

JUDE BELLINGHAM strutted around the pitch as if he owned it.

This was his stage and Bellingham showed that England are blessed to have the best and most exciting talent at the Euros.

Incredibly, this is Bellingham's third major tournament, he is a La Liga winner, a Champions League winner and is now a European Championship goalscorer.

And he is not even 21 until June 29. Bellingham was just magnificent, powering home a header to give the Three Lions a precious victory even if it was rarely comfortable.

England lost control of the game as it wore on, allowed Serbia back into it and Gareth Southgate's men were hanging on by the end.

Bellingham, who is making the iconic No.10 shirt his own, was England's standout player while Bukayo Saka was also superb down England's left wing.

It was Saka who created the goal, Bellingham who scored it and there were some other good support acts with Declan Rice anchoring midfield and Marc Guehi impressing in defence. But not enough other players shone.

The starting XI, the formation and shape still needs work because, while getting the best out of Bellingham, Phil Foden's bright start faded and Harry Kane managed just two touches in the whole of the first half.

The hard truth was that because Bellingham was all over the pitch it impacted upon Foden's space and Kane did not have the space to drop deep and get involved.

Trent Alexander-Arnold had nice moments but the midfield experiment did not work overall as England were too open at times.

It almost felt as if Southgate (circle) had just got his best players in the starting XI in the hope they would sort it out amongst themselves.

They were paying a heavy price for a difficult warm-up to the campaign with so many players missing or injured. They will have to play their way into form to win this tournament.

But the most important thing for Southgate was to start with a win because they are now in charge of Group C after Denmark drew with Slovenia earlier in the day.

The puzzles can be solved – and must be solved – but it was still three points even if there are bound to be more question marks despite the result.

England's bravery and quality paid off just when it looked as if Serbia were ready to dig in and defend deep. And sure enough, England's best two players on the night made and scored the goal.

Kyle Walker released Saka with a perfect pass inside the full-back, the Arsenal winger's cross deflected off Serbia defender Strahinja Pavlovic but still reached its target in the box.

There was Bellingham powering in with perfect timing to head home into the top corner to give England a dream start after just 13 minutes. Saka and Bellingham were looking like a brilliant double act.

You could see both sides of Alexander-Arnold. His mistake let in Aleksandar Mitrovic, who rifled just wide.

Then Alexander-Arnold made a superb interception, Saka released Walker whose pace took him clear but his cross shot flew just wide.

England were in charge but failed to shut the game down.

The Three Lions went so close to a second goal after Jarrod Bowen came on. The West Ham winger was excellent and his cross found Kane and his header looked a certain goal, only for Serbia keeper Predrag Rajkovic to push the ball onto the underside of the bar.

It was close. Too close. But England got the job done.

RATINGS by SIMON MULLOCK
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ENGLAND

PICKFORD 6
Rarely troubled but showed bravery when Serbia stepped up after break

WALKER 7
Shows no sign of slowing down. Gave Saka the freedom to roam

STONES 7
Assured in possession and ruthless in the air. Looked back to full fitness

GUEHI 7
Stood up when England looked under pressure. Never looked out of place

TRIPPIER 6
Out of position on the left but it didn't show. Solid at both ends of pitch

ALEXANDER-ARNOLD 6
Lost possession a couple of times and could have been punished

RICE 7
Prepared to dig in and do the dirty work when the pressure was on

SAKA 7
Flash of first-half brilliance brought opening goal – but struggled at times

BELLINGHAM 8
Wasn't afraid when he steamed in to head England goal. Top performance

FODEN 6
Targeted by aggressive defenders and struggled to make an impact

KANE 5
England's captain didn't look fully fit and only had two touches in first half

SUBS
Gallagher (Alexander-Arnold 69) 6
Bowen (Saka 76)
Mainoo (Bellingham 86)

MAN OF THE MATCH



JUDE BELLINGHAM

SERBIA

Rajkovic 6
Veljkovic 6
Milenkovic 7
Pavlovic 6
Zivkovic 5
S Milinkovic-Savic 6
Gudelj BOOKED 5
Lukic 5
Kostic 5
Vlahovic 5
Mitrovic 5

SUBS
Mladenovic (Kostic 43) 6
Ilic (Gudelj 46) 6
Tadic (Mitrovic 61) BOOKED 6
Jovic (Lukic 61) 6
Birmancevic (Zivkovic 74) 6

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GROUP C
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SMACKER!

Bellingham's brilliant header gets England off to a winning start

From **SIMON MULLOCK** in Gelsenkirchen

JUDE BELLINGHAM scored the goal that got England's bid for Euro glory off to a winning start.

But what appeared to be a stroll for Gareth Southgate (right) and his side, when Bellingham crashed home Bukayo Saka's 13th-minute cross with a close-range header, turned into a nervous night as Serbia piled on the pressure. The Three Lions were in total control for the first 45 minutes, with Bellingham at his brilliant best, demonstrating his maturity even though he is still only 20.

But they could not turn their dominance into further goals. The Serbians made a real fight of it in the second half as England struggled to keep the ball.

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SEALED WITH A KISS Midfielder Bellingham celebrates after his thumping header gave England the lead

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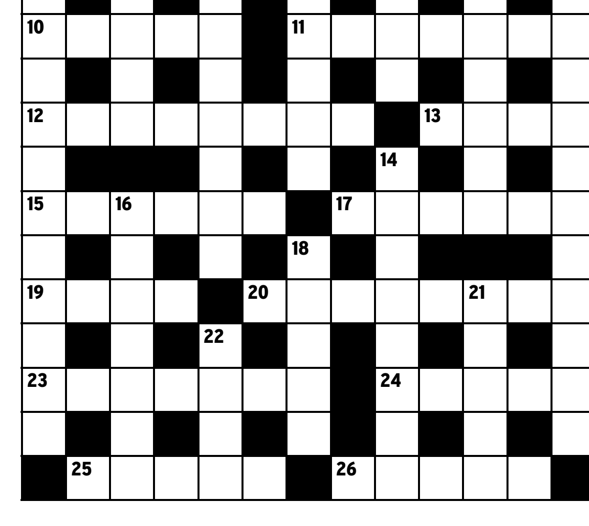
PUZZLES

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Quizword & Crossword

Two sets of clues, two different answers – all on the same grid. Choose one or the other.

Quizword



ACROSS

1 Judy –, US author of novels Wifey, Blubber and Deenie (5)
4 and 16 Down 1987 opera by John Adams (5,2,5)
10 Joe –, author of stage plays What the Butler Saw and Entertaining Mr Sloane (5)
11 Political philosophy associated with Russian revolutionary Mikhail Bakunin (7)
12 2007 debut novel by William P Young (3,5)
13 BBC Radio comedy programme starring Tommy Handley that ran from 1939-49 (inits)
15 Agatha –, fictional creation of M C Beaton who first appeared in a 1992 mystery novel (6)
17 Very small nocturnal fox inhabiting deserts of Arabia and N Africa (6)
19 One of the basic patterns of the human fingerprint (4)
20 Robert –, pen name of the author of 1914 posthumously published novel The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists (8)
23 The –, 1963 novel by Iris Murdoch (7)
24 Lester –, US jazz tenor saxophonist nicknamed Pres who died in 1959 (5)
25 and 26 2009 novel by James Patterson (1,4,5)
26 See 25 Across

DOWN

2 River in Hades in Greek mythology that caused forgetfulness in those who drank from it (5)
3 Inland port of Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany at the confluence of the Rivers Neckar and Rhine (8)
5 Republic on the Persian Gulf; capital Baghdad (4)
6 Romance language of Europe also known as Langue d'oc (7)
7 French physician in William Shakespeare stage comedy The Merry Wives of Windsor (6,5)
8 City in Meurthe-et-Moselle, France; capital of the dukes of Lorraine in the 12th-century (5)
9 Branch of medicine concerned with the diseases of women and girls (11)
14 British singer-songwriter who recorded 1977 UK No 1 single When I Need You (3,5)
16 See 4 Across
18 Black partially dried plum with a wrinkled appearance (5)
21 1973 stage play by Peter Shaffer (5)
22 Small burrowing mammal with velvety dark fur (4)

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Crossword

ACROSS

1 Dense (5)
4 Hair colour (5)
10 Rental contract (5)
11 Greedy guts (7)
12 Prematurely, inopportunely (8)
13 Dread (4)
15 List of fixed prices (6)
17 Shut (6)
19 Taverns (4)
20 Goodbye (8)
23 School clothes (7)
24 Cardinal number (5)
25 Perfect (5)
26 Extreme (5)

DOWN

2 Vital organ (5)
3 Take the best part from (5,3)
5 Overwhelming defeat (4)
6 One giving evidence (7)
7 Of great renown (11)
8 Nimble (5)
9 Unwillingness to believe (11)
14 Woodland plant (8)
16 Behave without restraint (3,4)
18 Heats up slightly (5)
21 Keen (5)
22 Settee (4)

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Two-speed coffeebreak

Two sets of clues – but the answers are the same.

Cryptic clues

ACROSS

1 Note the French record computer alert (5)
4 Feel depressed underneath (5)
7 Making a point with hole (3)
9 At home, lose different part of boot (6)
11 Spoken of morality (4)
12 Also among pandas (3)
13 Old equipment, new aim: Japanese art (7)
15 Nag rest about being peculiar (7)
18 Whole or just part, say (3)
19 Witches' longing (4)
20 Deal with one outburst (6)
23 Are back for a long time (3)
24 Horror doesn't start with online slip (5)
25 King finds no students at mound (5)

DOWN

1 Hotel room for union members (6,5)
2 The golfer's conceit (3)
3 Father left as friend (3)
5 Youngster finds hot stuff right inside (5)
6 Bill to distinguish a hero (7,4)
8 Appearing to have food (4)
10 School nowadays is gloomy (3)
13 Admit to being won over (3)
14 Juicer contains something cold (3)
16 Reappear concerning dog (5)
17 Get a new entrance (4)
18 Lose argument in the Baltic, say (3)
21 Gall is evident in smirking (3)
22 Rushed out of France (3)

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Quick clues

ACROSS

1 Electronic noise (5)
4 Under (5)
7 Opening (3)
9 Shoe part (6)
11 Verbal (4)
12 Common word (3)
13 Paper-folding (7)
15 Odd (7)
18 Total (3)
19 Irritation (4)
20 Angry speech (6)
23 Age (3)
24 Mistake (5)
25 Hillock (5)

DOWN

1 Honeymooners' hotel rooms (6,5)
2 Self-image (3)
3 Chum (3)
5 Immature insect (5)
6 Swiss archer (7,4)
8 Fruit (4)
10 Miserable (3)
13 Possess (3)
14 Frozen water (3)
16 Happen again (5)
17 Portal (4)
18 Body of water (3)
21 Annoy (3)
22 Sprinted (3)

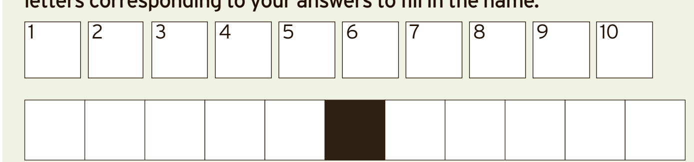
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The name game

Hidden in the grid is the name of an actor. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



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BOX1: The word "grisette" refers to a French working class woman from the end of which century?
17th century (N)
18th century (E)
19th century (F)

BOX2: In what year was the British Army founded?
1550 (B)
1660 (R)
1770 (P)

BOX3: Calabrese is a type of which vegetable?
Broccoli (F)
Onion (N)
Celeriac (P)

BOX4: Waverley Park is a well known stadium in which sport?
Australian rules football (R)
American football (U)
Rugby league (V)

BOX5: Anita Ward had her only No 1 hit with which disco song in 1979?
Ring My Bell (O)
I Feel Love (L)
All I Need is Your Sweet Lovin' (T)

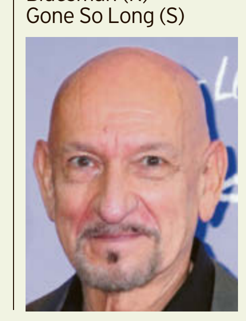
BOX6: Who has won the most Oscars?
Alfred Hitchcock (U)
Walt Disney (L)
Lassie (V)

BOX7: Which of these countries calls its national flag the Tricolore?
Spain (Y)
France (L)
Finland (Z)

BOX8: By what other name is the infectious disease Tularemia known?
Horse fever (T)
Cattle fever (R)
Rabbit fever (Y)

BOX9: What is the nickname of the US state of Kentucky?
The Volunteer State (S)
The Bluegrass State (E)
The Golden State (J)

BOX10: Ben Kingsley (pictured) was Oscar-nominated for his role in a 2004 adaptation of which novel by Andre Dubus III?
House of Sand and Fog (N)
Bluesman (R)
Gone So Long (S)



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8	3	19	■	8	10	5	26	25	2	13	4	■
10	■	20	■	26	■	10	■	15	■	■	10	■
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11	■	26	■	2	15	22	17	9	■	■	20	■
26	11	4	13	■	■	9	■	■	10	1	26	16

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Which letter is represented by the number '1' in today's Speedbreaker? Call 0903 681 3000 (£2/call) or text SPEED and your answer, name and postcode to 61011 (£2/text)

Last Monday's winner: Hazel Knight, Somerset

SOLUTIONS
Call 0903 659 6060 (80p/min) for 5 extra letters or the full solution, or text SPEEDCLUE to 61011 (£1/text) for 5 extra letters. Deduct one minute from the target time for each extra letter used.

Just a bit of fun

Which one of our three definitions is correct?

LOGOMACHY

1 Artificer in words
2 Stoic philosophy
3 Contention about words

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Scribble pad ✍

Wordsearch

Can you find all the listed famous Davids in the grid?
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N	B	V	Q	I	L	V	Y	A	U	P	R	E	E	M
L	E	I	D	D	A	B	B	B	G	L	N	S	C	G
B	B	W	H	A	S	S	E	L	H	O	F	F	U	P
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C	O	U	L	T	H	A	R	D	O	S	V	U	D	K

BADDIEL
BECKHAM
BLUNKETT
BYRNE
COULTHARD
DIMBLEBY
ESSEX
GROHL
GUETTA
HASSELHOFF
HUME
JASON
LEAN
LLOYD GEORGE
MORRISSEY
NIVEN
OLUSOGA
OYELOWO
SCHWIMMER
WALLIAMS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

6731956 gives a musical instrument
29578 gives a musical performance
97214 gives a musical event

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

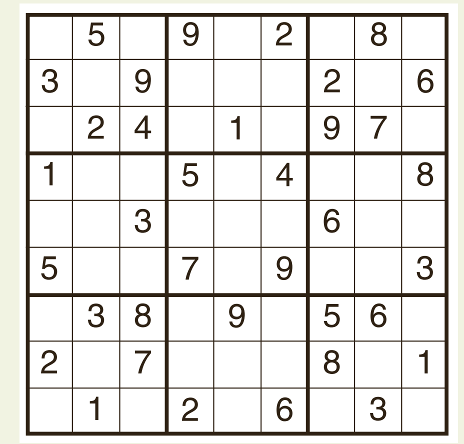
Arrow Word

Arrow Words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.
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Couple
_ Coyle, Girls Aloud singer
Dagger handle
Car fuel
_ on, observe furtively
Hi-fi
Flightless bird
Joe _, pictured
Trivial
Bomb hole
Everything
Culinary herb
Of France
Long-playing record
Encourage
Animosity (3,4)
Star sign
Which person
Tree type
Consume
Vessel for flowers
Unit of electromotive force
Bedtime drink
African country
Unplayable serve in tennis
Long snake
Horse's gait
Florida (abbr.)
Split, crack
Sort or type
Unsightly
Charles Dickens book (6,5)
Scottish city
Spoil
Anagram of pleach
Stop
TV advert
Nosegay
Animal with a braying call
King
_ tea, chilled drink
Church gangway
Peter _, comedian
Marries secretly
Fuss
Annoy
_ Stubbs, actress
Chart success
Remain
Put money away
Gap between cause and effect (4,3)
In the middle of _, very remote
Luxuriant
Phone connected to a main one
Make less dense or solid
Article
Pop _, TV series
Separate
Cuban dance
Used to be
Operator
Pay-as-you-earn (abbr.)
_ Scott, pictured
Car reg for Ethiopia (abbr.)
Seize wrongfully
Film, A Nightmare On _ Street
Large expanse of water
Male deer
Ventilate
Muscular or robust
Epoch
Wheat-like cereal plant

Su-doku corner

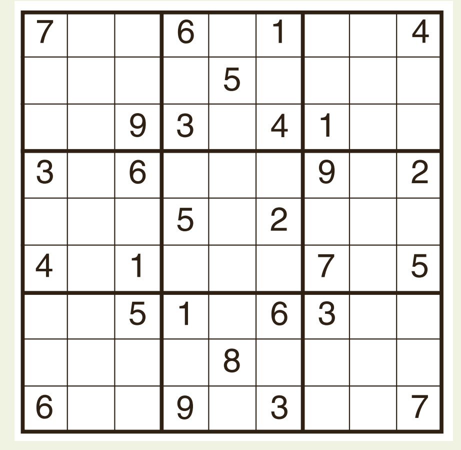
EASY SU-DOKU



The rules for Su-doku couldn't be easier. All you have to do is fill the empty squares so that each row, column and 3x3 block contains all the numbers 1 to 9.

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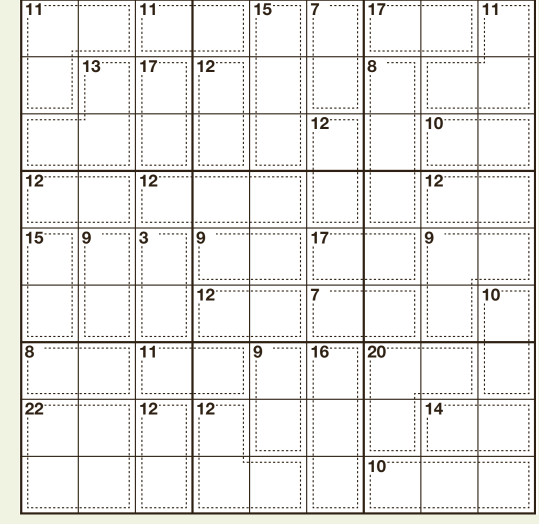
SU-DOKU TOUGHIE



The rules for Su-doku are easy, but this one's a toughie! Each number from 1 to 9 must appear only once in each horizontal and vertical line, and only once in each 3x3 grid.

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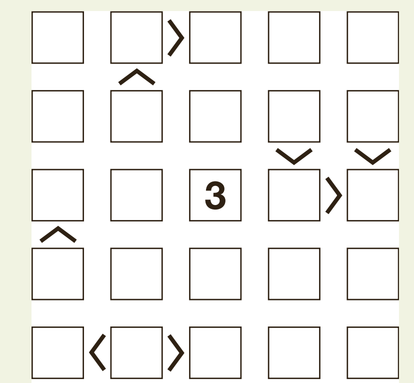
KILLER SU-DOKU



Killer Su-doku is based on the traditional grid and every column, every row and every 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 to 9. But the dotted squares must be filled with numbers that add up to that in the left corner.

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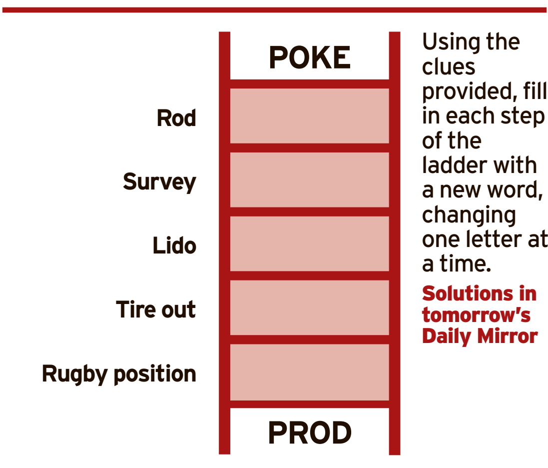
FUTOSHIKI



Insert the numbers one to five in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) signs.

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Word Ladder



POKE

Rod

Survey

Lido

Tire out

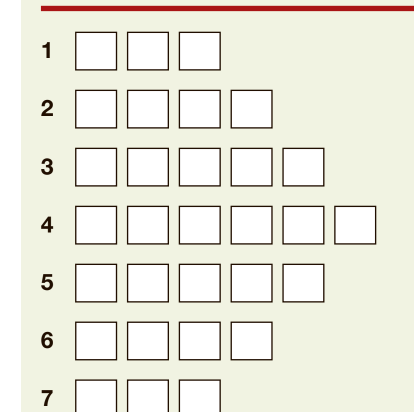
Rugby position

PROD

Using the clues provided, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing one letter at a time.

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Brickwork



Enter the solutions to the clues in their numbered layers of the wall. Each word must be an anagram of its neighbours, plus or minus one letter.

1 Lav
2 Alone
3 Idiots
4 Deluges
5 Creases
6 Vended
7 Ancient

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Bingo

Mon Jun 17 2024 Game 23 Day 1







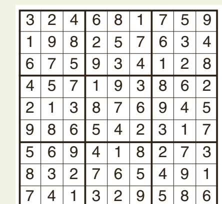
34 83 78
88 63 54
48 44 13
39 60 10

HERE are the numbers for **Day 1** of **Game 23** on your Bingo card.

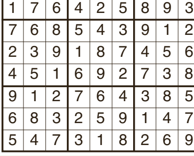
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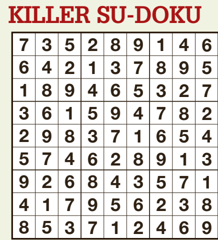
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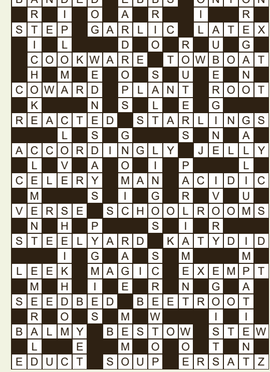


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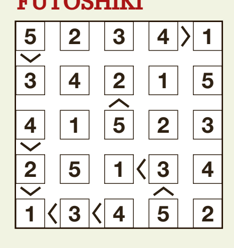
CELLS

WORDSEARCH

FILL IN



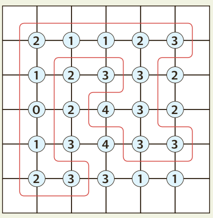
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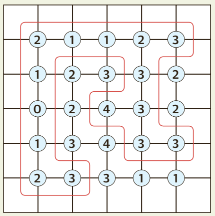


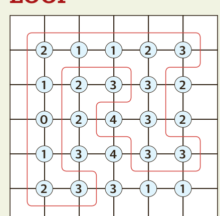
JIGSAW SU-DOKU



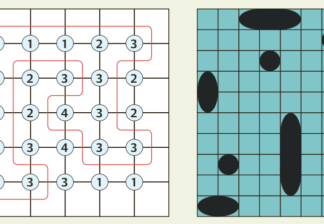
KAKURO

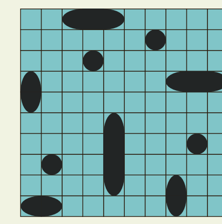


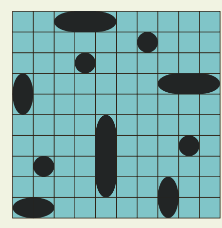




LOOP





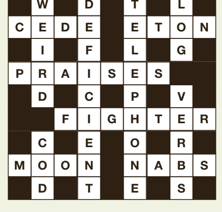


BATTLESHIPS

DOUBLE JIGWORD







COLOSSAL CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 12 So help me God, 13 Bistro, 14 Reason, 16 Clog, 17 Reckoning, 18 Locks, 19 Tick, 20 Kept still, 22 Slave, 23 Go without, 27 Bar none, 30 Leaden, 31 Hand, 32 Fleet, 35 Stir, 36 Dreamed, 38 Side, 39 Greatly, 42 Affair, 45 Rider, 46 Low-down, 47 Line, 48 Fair, 50 Denotes, 52 Grain, 54 Sucker, 56 Bluntly, 57 Ends, 59 Turn out, 61 Test, 64 Stoat, 66 Once, 67 Indeed, 69 Keeps on, 72 Picking up, 73 Fiend, 74 Applicant, 79 Skip, 81 Faint, 82 Leaves out, 83 Will, 85 Entail, 86 Trauma, 87 Comes across.

DOWN: 1 Fool, 2 Height, 3 Spirit, 4 Percale, 5 Not on, 6 Misgivings, 7 Stole, 8 No-account, 9 Drastic, 10 Part, 11 Conclude, 15 Billed, 21 Exact, 24 Holdall, 25 Beamed, 26 Shadow, 28 Norma, 29 Nod, 33 Herring, 34 Grants, 37 Darts, 40 Lance, 41 Going on, 43 Frail, 44 Riddle, 46 Light, 49 Ransack, 51 Tender, 53 Agreed, 55 Cut up, 58 Spirit lamp, 60 Tee, 62 Spoon, 63 Infuriate, 65 Thinking, 68 Denial, 70 Snaffle, 71 Opposed, 75 Lethal, 76 Coward, 77 Steak, 78 Let on, 80 Peak, 84 Lash.

PATHFINDER

Tiny Dancer, Pinball Wizard, Candle in the Wind, Your Song, Can You Feel the Love Tonight, Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Sacrifice, Don't Go Breaking My Heart, Rocket Man, Crocodile Rock, I'm Still Standing, Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word, Border Song, I Want Love, Circle of Life, Ticking.

30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

Beginner 12; Intermediate 182; Advanced 148.

HONEYCOMB

1 Garret, 2 Ramble, 3 Elders, 4 Relate, 5 Ethics, 6 Iconic, 7 Inborn, 8 Robins, 9 Snoops, 10 Polite, 11 Etudes, 12 Steeds.

ANAGRAM CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 7 Corona, 8 Agaric, 9 Pail, 10 Remedial, 11 Cyclone, 13 Braes, 15 Chivy, 17 Himself, 20 Abalones, 21 Eats, 22 Secret, 23 Termly.

DOWN: 1 Botany, 2 Boil, 3 Caprine, 4 Harms, 5 Calderas, 6 Silage, 12 Lovelorn, 14 Hirsute, 16 Hoboes, 18 Lately, 19 Unite, 21 Earl.

BRICKWORK

Pin, Spin, Pints, Prints, Strip, Trip, Rip.

WORD SPIRAL

1 Dice; 2 Eyes; 3 Scan; 4 Nest; 5 Then; 6 Newt; 7 Tiff; 8 Felt; 9 Tell; 10 Lava; 11 Arid; 12 Draw; 13 Writ; 14 Thai; 15 Imam; 16 More.

Keyword: Fireman

CIRCLEGRAM

The letter represented by the question mark is N. Saxhorn, melodeon, mandolin, all musical instruments.

CLOCKWORD

1 Horrid, 2 Unkind, 3 Madrid, 4 Period, 5 Thread, 6 Yawned, 7 Defend, 8 Unsaid, 9 Melted, 10 Pallid, 11 Tasted, 12 Yanked.

Hidden name: Humpty Dumpty

QUIZWORD

ACROSS: 1 The Mist, 7 Clean, 8 Elysium, 9 Elfman, 11 Break, 13 Hays, 14 Novello, 15 Asti, 16 Bobby, 17 Cranko, 21 Madigan, 22 Davro, 23 Buzzati.

DOWN: 2 Hellraiser, 3 Mascagni, 4 Soul, 5 El Al, 6 Haim, 9 Eagle, 10 Amy Robsart, 12 Svevo, 13 Horowitz, 18 Adam, 19 Kerr, 20 Sabu.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Minster, 7 Divan, 8 Improve, 9 Ack-ack, 11 Scrap, 13 Sink, 14 Eardrum, 15 Wand, 16 Bliss, 17 Become, 21 Bid fair, 22 Flood, 23 Crayons.

DOWN: 2 Immaculate, 3 Serrated, 4 Envy, 5 Disc, 6 Saga, 9 Azure, 10 Concussion, 12 Drake, 13 Small fry, 18 Cell, 19 Mood, 20 Liar.

TWO-SPEED COFFEEBREAK

ACROSS: 1 Moans, 5 Rower, 9 And, 10 Crave, 11 Scope, 12 Van, 13 Ten, 14 Nee, 16 Tan, 18 Intent, 21 Ruse, 23 Hare, 26 Writer, 29 Leg, 31 Her, 32 Met, 34 Ago, 36 Agate, 37 Lined, 38 Don, 39 Scene, 40 Eland.

DOWN: 1 Master, 2 Once, 3 Adonis, 4 Scent, 5 Raven, 6 Ova, 7 Went, 8 Ruin, 15 Eerie, 17 Air, 19 New, 20 The, 22 Use, 24 Armada, 25 Extend, 27 Rhone, 28 Trade, 29 Less, 30 Gale, 33 Eton, 35 Gin.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1 Scotland, 2 Japan, 3 17th century, 4 The Great Fire of London, 5 HMS Victory, 6 The Boer War, 7 Ricky Martin, 8 Some Like It Hot, 9 Percussion, 10 Kate Bush, 11 Charlie Sheen, 12 Fedora, 13 German, 14 Lapwing, 15 Hydrogen, 16 Oxygen, 17 Hand, 18 White, 19 Birmingham, 20 Asia, 21 Switzerland, 22 Atlantic, 23 Berkshire, 24 Queensland, 25 Rowing, 26 4, 27 Greg Norman, 28 Boxing, 29 Liverpool, 30 Newcastle.

NAME GAME

DIDGERIDOO

1O, 2I, 3I, 4D, 5O, 6R, 7E, 8D, 9G, 10D.

WORD WHEEL

HAVERSACK

JUST A BIT OF FUN

3 Physical agitation

MIRRORGRAM

DETERMINED

SUMTHING

4x6=24, 4x3=12, 8+9=17.

FRIDAY'S SPEEDBREAKER

1=N, 2=D, 3=F, 4=G, 5=M, 6=A, 7=X, 8=W, 9=C, 10=J, 11=S, 12=H, 13=Q, 14=O, 15=Z, 16=T, 17=Y, 18=B, 19=L, 20=U, 21=P, 22=V, 23=R, 24=K, 25=I, 26=E.

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Aries March 21-April 20

Be patient and you will overcome some difficult issues. Don't throw in the towel on impulse. Objections to your plans and suggestions will delay progress but instead of wasting time arguing, think of ways to get around these problems. Some clever thinking will save the day.

For more call **0905 789 4171** (80p/min + network access charge)

Taurus April 21 - May 21

You're stunned by the popularity of someone who is less qualified, less skilled and less experienced than you are. Now they are using their charm to talk their way into an exclusive organisation while in the background people like you have to get on with the hard work.

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Gemini May 22 -June 21

For the sake of your health or your professional reputation it would be better to get some disagreeable tasks over with. It's like going to the dentist, the more you think about it the more you want to avoid some appointments altogether. Push through your anxiety. You can do this.

For more call **0905 789 4173** (80p/min + network access charge)

Cancer June 22 -July 23

Ideas are being shared and you have listened to them all yet you are holding back from offering your opinions. The whole idea of such discussions is to enhance teamwork and generate innovative solutions. Sharing your thoughts will help you make sense of those vague ideas taking shape.

For more call **0905 789 4174** (80p/min + network access charge)

Leo July 24 - August 23

An inspiring talk will boost your confidence in a close relationship. Are you single? You could meet someone special at a glamorous gathering. Common interests and a shared love of the theatre and the arts will form a solid basis on which to build this exciting new union.

For more call **0905 789 4175** (80p/min + network access charge)

Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

Taking on more commitments when you already have plenty on your plate will put a strain on your health. Someone who always inspires you will present you with a new challenge. Although you would love to take them up on their offer, you may have to give this one a miss.

For more call **0905 789 4176** (80p/min + network access charge)

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23

Familiar places are where you would prefer to be but you are expected somewhere else and you can't get out of this commitment. Transport delays, computer breakdowns and extra charges will wreak havoc with your plans and your bank account. Travel arrangements are less than ideal.

For more call **0905 789 4177** (80p/min + network access charge)

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Group activities will help cancel out solitary desires. Being active and spending time with friends will help keep your mind from fixating on worries that you have. When your thoughts drift to places you would rather not go, call up a friend and suggest meeting up for a chat.

For more call **0905 789 4178** (80p/min + network access charge)

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

Someone you were supposed to meet up with will not be feeling their usual self. This will mean some of your plans for the day will have to be rearranged. Since you could do with some extra free time anyway, this will not give you too much cause for complaint.

For more call **0905 789 4179** (80p/min + network access charge)

Capricorn Dec 22 -Jan 20

You would enjoy the chance to work more behind the scenes. This will enable you to give thought to something that you aren't yet ready to share with others. Something on your mind will benefit from more careful contemplation. A vague idea will soon become perfectly clear.

For more call **0905 789 4180** (80p/min + network access charge)

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

You're baffled about how to go about an important task. People you are working with are just as confused. The one person who could help is conspicuous by their absence at the moment. All you can do is get on as best you can with the little information you have available.

For more call **0905 789 4181** (80p/min + network access charge)

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

It's the romantic in you that makes you want to save people. A friend will reach out and you will want to help but no matter how good your intentions might be, it is professional treatment they need. You might sense already that your involvement will delay rather than speed up their recovery.

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Summer dinners Good Food daily recipe to collect

Roasted tomato, basil & parmesan quiche

PREP: 40 MINS
COOK: 40 MINS
EASY
SERVES 8

A taste of summer, this quiche is full of Italian flavours and is perfect for dinner in the garden



300g cherry tomatoes
Drizzle olive oil
50g parmesan (or vegetarian alternative), grated
2 eggs
284ml pot double cream
Handful basil leaves, shredded, plus a few small ones left whole for scattering

FOR THE PASTRY
280g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
140g cold butter, cut into pieces

1 To make the pastry, tip the flour and butter into a bowl, then rub together with your fingertips until completely mixed and crumbly. Add 2-4 tbsp water, or enough to bring everything together until just combined. Roll into a ball and use straight away or chill for up to 2 days. The pastry can also be frozen for up to a month.

2 Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface to a round about 5cm larger than a 25cm tin. Use your rolling pin to lift it up, then drape over the tart case so there is an overhang of pastry on the sides. Using a small ball of pastry scraps, push the pastry into the corners of the tin. Chill in the fridge or freezer for 20 mins. Heat oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6.

3 In a small roasting tin, drizzle the tomatoes with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Put the tomatoes in a low shelf of the oven.

4 Lightly prick the base of the tart with a fork, line the tart case with a large circle of greaseproof paper or foil, then fill with baking beans. Blind-bake the tart for 20 mins, remove the paper and beans, then continue to cook for 5-10 mins until biscuit brown.

5 When you remove the tart case from the oven, take out the tomatoes, too.

6 While the tart is cooking, beat the eggs in a large bowl. Gradually add the cream, then stir in the basil and season. When the case is ready, sprinkle half the cheese over the base, scatter over the tomatoes, pour over the cream mix, then the rest of the cheese. Bake for 20-25 mins until set and golden brown. Leave to cool in the case, trim the edges of the pastry, then remove from the tin. Scatter over the remaining basil and serve in slices.

TOMORROW'S RECIPE: ROASTED SUMMER VEGETABLES

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GROUP D TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

DUTCH TREAT
Kop star Gakpo praises Weghorst after he came off bench to grab winner

THE OLD WARHORST

Gakpo joy as sub Wout rescues Holland

GROUP D
POLAND 1
HOLLAND 2

CODY GAKPO praised a never-say-die spirit as Holland came from behind to open with a win.

The Liverpool star levelled after the Dutch had gone behind to Adam Buksa's header for Poland.

Wout Weghorst was thrown on with just nine minutes left – and bagged the winner minutes later.

Gakpo said: "We are a team that never gives up, and we have good substitutes. We changed the whole front line and they came in and performed very well. That's a strength."

But Gakpo, who was voted player of the match, added: "It was a tough match against a tough opponent. But overall I think we performed really well."

MATCH REPORT & RATINGS SEE PAGES 2&3

CHECK HIM WOUT
Goal hero Weghorst celebrates the victory in front of the Dutch fans

1-0

POLAND		HOLLAND
35%	POSSESSION	65%
7	SHOTS ON TARGET	6
1	SHOTS OFF TARGET	13
3	CORNERS	6
2	OFFSIDE	0
10	FOULS	8
0 (red) 0 (yellow)	CARDS	1 (yellow) 0 (red)

REFEREE: Artur Soares Dias

POLAND: Szczesny 7, Bednarek 6, Salamon 5 (Bereszynski 86) Kiwior 6, Frankowski 7, Zielinski 7 (Piotrowski 78), Romanczuk 6 (Slisz 55, 6)Zalewski 6, Szymanski 5 (Moder 46, 6), Buksa 7, Urbanski 7 (Swiderski 55, 6)

HOLLAND: Verbruggen 6, Dumfries 6, De Vrij 6, van Dijk 6, Ake 8 (van de Ven 87), Schouten 7, Veerman 5 (booked), Wijnaldum 62 6), Simons 5 (Malen 62 6), Reijnders 6 Gakpo 7, (Frimpong 81), Depay 6 (Weghorst 81)

NETHER SAY

Fired-up United flop comes off bench to hit winner and give Dutch



FROM **CHARLIE GORDON** in Hamburg

WOUT WEGHORST was seeing red before rising from the bench to delight the Orange masses.

Dutch boss Ronald Koeman admitted the Burnley striker was upset at being benched.

But he found the net two minutes into his cameo to seal a vital comeback win for the Dutch. "I try to explain to every individual player the possibilities for starting or coming on in the second half when we need a different player," explained Koeman.

"When I spoke to Wout about his role, he was a little bit upset and that's a good reaction.

"He was upset and doing a lot to get the opportunity to start. That's a great mentality from the player."

Adam Buksa gave the Poles a shock lead early on before goals from Cody Gakpo and super-sub Weghorst turned the dial in Holland's favour.

Weghorst's winner ensured his nation's disjointed performance will be quickly forgotten. He said: "We were dominant in the first half, and were the better team. We created six or seven really good chances. But we have to be more clinical.

"You almost have a feeling. I told (my partner) this morning, it would be a draw, 20 minutes before the end, then I would come on and score. Sometimes, you just feel it."

Holland struggled to take full control of the game without injured midfielders Frenkie de Jong and Teun Koopmeiners.

But the hard-fought result gives them breathing room heading into their two remaining Group D games, against France and Austria.

Anything less than three points would have been a disappointment against a team playing without their injured talisman, Robert Lewandowski.

Poland boss Michal Probierz acknowledged that the Barcelona striker would be a big miss in his side's opening game.

But for all the concern about his absence, it was his replacement who put the Poles in front at Hamburg's Volksparkstadion. Attacking an inswinging corner from the left, Buksa executed the perfect glancing header which flew past Bart Verbruggen and sparked bedlam behind the goal.

Virgil van Dijk's volley forced a smart save from Wojciech Szczesny, and Memphis Depay lashed over from close range as the pre-match favourites looked for an immediate response.

With Koeman waiting patiently for one of his players to convert a chance, Liverpool star Gakpo answered the call in the 29th minute.

A healthy slice of luck was nothing less than his positive performance deserved as he powered towards the box, pulled the trigger from just outside and opened Holland's Euro 2024 account, partly thanks to a big deflection off Bartosz Salamon.

Gakpo could have had a second shortly before the interval, but his poked effort looped over the bar after Nathan Ake's brilliant overlapping run.

As Koeman's men searched for a winner in the second period, Denzel Dumfries flashed a shot wide of the far post just after the hour.

And the noise inside the Volksparkstadion was enough






BUK THE TREND Buksa opened the scoring (top left) before Dutch goals from Gakpo and Weghorst

DIE a Weg-up

to burst the eardrums when Weghorst turned in Ake's cross.

The former Manchester United flop was mobbed by team-mates before the Oranje grouped together and saw the game out. It was a jubilant end to the match for the crowds who painted the town orange before kick-off.

Weghorst's cameo has raised questions about whether he could be thrown in from the start ahead of Memphis Depay against France on Friday.

Koeman said: "Of course he can start. He's started other games and that's an option.

"We will seewhat the best is for the team, not what the best is for the player.



KANTASY FOOTBALL

Team-mates hail return of midfield dynamo who will make France tick

AUSTRIA v FRANCE
GROUP D: Dusseldorf Arena
KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

BY **ALEX RICHARDS**

KYLIAN MBAPPE is the undoubted star of the show – but France's forgotten man is back with a point to prove.

After 21 months in the international wilderness, N'Golo Kante has returned to the fold... and even has his team-mates running scared.

"I have never seen anything like it, it's horrible, we can't play in training any more," joked striker Marcus Thuram.

"As soon as we have him on our team, we know we have won. I have the impression that there are three of him!"

It was at Euro 2016 that Kante (right) made his competitive debut for Les Bleus, starring in their run to the final on home soil after playing his part in Leicester City's fairytale Premier League triumph.

Two years later, his partnership with Paul Pogba was the platform on which head coach Didier Deschamps built his side as they claimed the World Cup for a second time in Russia.

But the serious hamstring injury that destroyed Kante's final season at Chelsea meant he missed the World Cup in Qatar in 2022. Following his free transfer to Saudi side Al-Ittihad last summer, his international career appeared to be over.

However, Deschamps had questions over which midfield selection gives his side the best balance.

Having seen his side lose to Germany – and concede after just seven seconds – in a March friendly, the manager elected to end Kante's exile. He has started both warm-up matches since.

"For those who had doubts about his abilities and the intensity of play, he is still at the same level," Deschamps said.

While there may be questions over whether, at 33, Kante's lung-bursting abilities are what they once were, his long-time team-mate and former Chelsea pal Olivier Giroud has no doubts. "He has not changed. He is the same player I have known for years," he said.

"He is everywhere. It's great to have him here."

Mbappe, meanwhile, is putting all thoughts of a debut for Real Madrid next season to one side – and is prepared to help France in any way he can.

"I discussed my role with the coach when I joined up with the squad," he revealed.

"He said he might use me in different roles during the competition and to be ready.

"I said I've played in three different roles in my career and done well in all of them, so it's not a problem. I'm ready to give everything to help the team, whether it's up front, on the left or on the bench.

"I'll adapt. We will be defending the colours of our country."

AUSTRIA: Pentz, Posch, Lienhart, Trauner, Mwene, Laimer, Seiwald, Wimmer, Sabitzer, Baumgartner, Gregoritsch
FRANCE: Maignan, Kounde, Saliba, Upamecano, Hernandez, Griezmann, Kante, Rabiot, Dembele, Thuram, Mbappe

LAIMER KEEPS IT CLOSE TO HOME

BY **KEITH WEBSTER**

KONRAD LAIMER says Austria won't be intimidated by the football royalty in the France line-up when they meet tonight in Dusseldorf.

And he revealed the tournament being so close to home has gived added spice to the country and its fans.

"France have such a great squad with individual talents," said the Bayern Munich midfielder. "If you named every one, we'd speak all evening. But it's not about that. It's about putting our own football on the pitch.

"If we can do that, we can hurt any team. We've prepared for such a long time for this – a Euros in a neighbouring country."



CALL OF DUTY
Euros is a chance for Zabarnyi to keep war in everyone's mind

WE CANNOT FORGET THE SUFFERING

Zabarnyi fired up by nation's freedom fight

ROMANIA v UKRAINE
GROUP E: Munich Football Arena
TODAY, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

FROM **MARK JONES**

UKRAINE are determined to use their platform at Euro 2024 to make sure the world does not forget their homeland remains under Russian invasion.

Having failed to qualify for the World Cup in Qatar, their presence in Germany is being seen by the players as the perfect chance to raise awareness of the horrors back home.

For Bournemouth defender Illya Zabarnyi it is often hard to think about such things, but the 21-year-old says the hostilities can serve as motivation ahead of Ukraine's group-stage opener against Romania in Munich.

"It's a great honour to represent Ukraine," said Zabarnyi, who played 42 times for the Cherries in all competitions last season, and has already amassed 170 senior appearances for club and country.

"You all know the times we are going through now, and I feel incredible responsibility for my actions. When you understand how difficult it is to be there, it is difficult to say the right words."

Despite those difficulties, the young centre-back is impressively composed when he discusses the horror of war and its impact upon the squad, adding that it is impossible not to think about what is happening back home.

"I just want to say thanks to anyone who comes and supports us, and everyone who lets us play, because it is important not only for football in Ukraine but also for all of life," added Zabarnyi, below.

"Every day our country wakes up to alarms and it's so difficult to think about that. Children, women, just civilian people, lots of people die every day and it has to stop.

"We have to thank the warriors who defend our country.

"They are incredible people with their bravery and I'm so grateful to them.

"It is very important for me to think about them.

"It's very difficult when you wake up and wonder what has happened to your friends and to your near and dear at home. You can only wish them safety.

"Of course that can pressurise every one of us but it adds a great motivation to come onto the pitch and do everything possible to win."

Despite those understandable distractions, Zabarnyi is confident the Ukraine squad can make it through the group stage and extend their stay at the finals in Germany.

"We don't have superstars, we just have a really good squad," he said. "The boys are all together and in this moment we're a good team."

Everton defender Vitaliy Mykolenko is set to face a late fitness test.

ROMANIA: Moldovan; Burca, Dragusin, Rus, Bancu; M Marin, R Marin, Stanciu; Man, Dragus, Mihaila
UKRAINE: Lunin; Konoplia, Zabarnyi, Matviyenko, Zinchenko; Shaparenko, Stepanenko, Sudakov; Tsygankov, Dovbyk, Mudryk
REF: G Nyberg (Swe)



DAD GIVES EDI A GIFT ON FATHER'S DAY

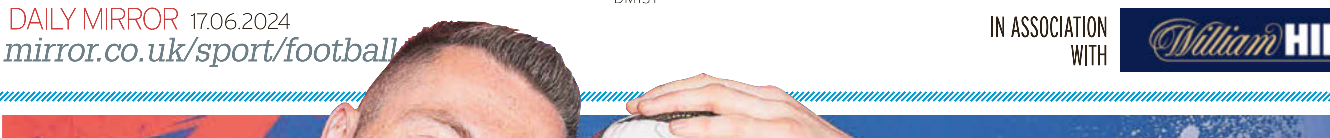
FROM **MARK JONES**

ROMANIA coach Edi Iordanescu had a special Father's Day message from the man who inspired the nation's finest hour on the pitch.

Iordanescu's father Anghel was the coach who memorably took Romania to the quarter-finals of the 1994 World Cup in the USA. He also led them into Euro 96 and the 1998 World Cup, where they beat England, and had two further spells in charge in the 2000s.

When asked if his father had been dispensing any advice ahead of his tournament debut as a coach, Iordanescu jnr, left, said: "Of course I talked to my dad. What he told me is what he's told me before, just go your own way, and believe in your work. Our work has been good because we are here now.

"My dad had four tournaments so he can give me lots of tips, but we have reached this place, so our decisions seem to have been the right ones."



LEADING WAY
Skriniar, right, has De Bruyne and Lukaku, below, in his sights

BELGIUM: Casteels; Faes, Witsel, De Cuyper; Castagne, Mangala, Onana, Doku; Trossard, Lukaku, De Bruyne
SLOVAKIA: Dubravka; Pekarik, Vavro, Skriniar, Hancko; Kucka, Lobotka, Duda; Schranz, Bozenik, Haraslin
REF: U Meler (Tur)

MILAN OUT TO FASHION AN UPSET

Slovakia skipper relishing De Bruyne challenge

BELGIUM v SLOVAKIA
GROUP E: Frankfurt Arena
TODAY, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

BY **KEITH WEBSTER**

MILAN SKRINIAR may captain one of the more unfashionable sides at the tournament but he has seen plenty of 'Hollywood' football in his club career.

The 29-year-old centre-back spent 18 months at Sampdoria in Serie A before moving to Inter Milan for six seasons.

And last summer he was on the move once more, this time to the City of Love, where he now plays for Paris Saint-Germain.

But even with all his big-club experience, he is itching to get the tournament started to dispel the nerves he has been feeling, as they prepare to go up against some famous names in the Belgium line-up.

Skriniar said: "It's a huge honour for me to be the captain in such a match at the Euros.

"I can't wait for it to start. I feel a little nervous, but that's good, that's how it should be.

"I love football a lot. I'm really looking forward to every game like I'm still a little boy."

But Skriniar knows, that for all the household names in a Belgium team that many think has already missed their best chance of a major tournament success, there is one name on the team sheet that can give any defender nightmares. He said: "How hard will it be to stop Kevin De Bruyne?

"He is a player of enormous quality, but I believe that we will find a recipe for him too and we will be able to create some scoring opportunities.

"I played with Romelu Lukaku for three years, so I know his qualities. We were also in contact now, we messaged each other."

De Bruyne had a low-key season at Manchester City, but that was not helped by a five-month injury absence.

The midfield craftsman said: "Since my return from injury in January, overall it's been good, I've played most of the games and at a good level in my view. So I feel good now, hoping to help Belgium do well in this tournament.

"I feel the team are ready and have a lot of energy to do something good.

"The national team changed after the World Cup, there are plenty of new players. We played well against England and Germany, but the Euros is different."

Slovakia coach, Francesco Calzona, however, is confident his side can cause Belgium problems.

Calzona said: "It's true that Belgium are good on the counter, but we have our own strengths – we can press high up the pitch, but need to do it well. I'm not just worried by Belgium's counters, but all their qualities."



TEDESCO PREPARATION 'VERY POSITIVE'

BY **KEITH WEBSTER**

BELGIUM may not be as fancied as they have been in recent tournaments but coach Domenico Tedesco is quietly confident they are in good shape.

With Slovakia up first for the Belgians today, Tedesco, right, has had good fitness news from a squad that still has star names. But he can also reflect on a reasonable build-up that included an impressive showing at Wembley in March, when England were saved by Jude Bellingham's last kick of the match in a 2-2 draw.

"I am very happy that we finally start playing," said Tedesco. "We've been through hard work and intense months, and the recent weeks have been very positive. We'll see what is our level during the tournament.

"Jan Vertonghen and Arthur Theate are ready – they participated in the last three training sessions.

"Thomas Meunier will be back in the squad after the game against Romania.

"Axel Witsel will do a late fitness test and could be part of the group, otherwise it will be the next game for him."



MEMORY PAIN
Nedim Bajrami arrows in a reminder of the goal Luke Shaw scored in Euro 2020 final (below)



ALARMED & DANGEROUS

Italians get the job done after flashback to Euro 2020 final



FROM **MARK JONES** in Dortmund

ITALY star Federico Chiesa says the shock of being on the end of Albania's fast start in Dortmund gave him flashbacks to facing England in the Euro 2020 final.

Nedim Bajrami pounced on Federico Dimarco's awful throw-in and fired home the fastest goal in European Championship history after just 23 seconds to stun the holders in front of a raucous crowd dominated by Albania fans.

The goal smashed the previous record for the quickest strike at the Euros, the 67 seconds it took for Russia's Dmitri Kirichenko to score against eventual winners Greece in 2004.

Italy are also responsible for conceding the sixth-fastest goal on that list, Luke Shaw's strike at Wembley after just one minute and 56 seconds which put England in dreamland in the final three years ago.

That joy wouldn't last for the Three Lions with Italy bouncing back to win on penalties.

And man-of-the-match Chiesa (above) – who looked back to his best against Albania after a couple of years of injury troubles – admitted his mind drifted back to that night during that dreadful opening, even if he remained confident.

"I had some flashbacks of the Euro 2020 final," said the Juventus man.

"But we did the same thing against England and Albania – which was to dominate the game."

Italy roared back after that sloppy start and were ahead within 15 minutes with the two goals that would ultimately win them the game, with Alessandro Bastoni (left) heading in from Lorenzo Pellegrini's cross and Nicolo Barella firing home from range.

"I think that early goal also shook us up, as we immediately went on the attack and in my view deserved to score a few more goals," said Chiesa.

"We ran a bit of a risk at the end, at this level anything can happen. That is where we need to improve, killing off games that we are dominating.

"We had to kill it off earlier as anything can happen in Europe. We could've had more vertical passes but the coach wants to keep control of the game.

"This is a good start really, as people tended to act like we were the underdogs, but we had a great performance and are now up against a wonderful team like Spain."

Luciano Spalletti's men will face a confident Spain team in one of the standout games of the group stage in Gelsenkirchen on Thursday night after La Roja defeated Croatia 3-0 in Berlin on Saturday.

KID'S A LAMINE MACHINE

FROM **ALEX RICHARDS** in Berlin

HE is the teenage sensation who has left Spain's senior stars purring.

And after becoming the youngest player to feature at a European Championship at just 16 years, 338 days, it is easy to see understand the fuss around Lamine Yamal.

The Barcelona winger (left) is the embodiment of Luis de la Fuente's new-look Spain.

"He is impressing everyone," said De la Fuente. "He will become a wonderful footballer."

After Alvaro Morata had opened the scoring in Berlin, Yamal played his part in Spain's second, drawing three Croatia players to him before Fabian Ruiz scored. And on the stroke of half-time, his wicked inswinging cross was met by Dani Carvajal, who slid home.

"It's incredible," said Carvajal. "He has a unique talent that's difficult to explain."

Ruiz, man of the match on Saturday, added: "It's fantastic he's with us."

THIS IS NOT LUKING GOOD



GROUP B SPAIN 3 CROATIA 0

FROM **ALEX RICHARDS**

LUKA MODRIC has warned his Croatia team-mates that their Euro 2024 hopes are hanging in the balance.

World Cup finalists in 2018 and semi-finalists in 2022, Zlatko Dalic's experienced side looked long in the tooth as they conceded three times in 16 first-half minutes.

Despite becoming the first side since the Euro 2008 final to have more of the ball in a competitive match than the Spanish – a remarkable run of 136 games – they were ruthlessly punished for defensive errors.

"We have two matches to improve and make up for it," said the Croatian captain (left).

"In the first half, we weren't ourselves. We lacked energy and stood too far from their players and they punished us."

Croatia meet Albania in Hamburg on Wednesday and defeat could see them knocked out with a group game to spare.

"We no longer have the right to make mistakes," added Modric. "We have to recover and win the upcoming matches."

UEFA EURO 2024 RESULTS

GROUP A
GERMANY · SCOTLAND · HUNGARY · SWITZERLAND



GERMANY 5 – Wirtz 20, Musiala 19, Havertz 45+1 pen, Fulljrug 68, Can 90+3
SCOTLAND 1 – Rudiger 87 og

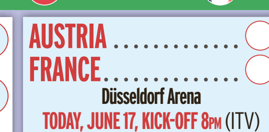
HUNGARY 1 – Varga 66
SWITZERLAND 3 – Duah 12, Aebischer 45, Embolo 90+3

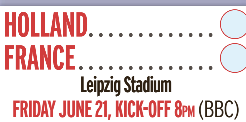
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Stuttgart Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

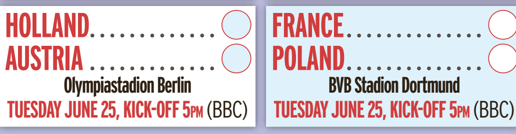
SCOTLAND .... v SWITZERLAND ....
Cologne Stadium
WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SWITZERLAND .... v GERMANY ....
Frankfurt Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SCOTLAND .... v HUNGARY ....
Stuttgart Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)







GROUP B
SPAIN · CROATIA · ITALY · ALBANIA

SPAIN 3 – Morata 29, Ruiz 32, Carvajal 45+2
CROATIA 0

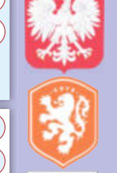
ITALY 2 – Bastoni 11, Barella 16
ALBANIA 1 – Bajrami 1

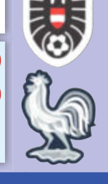
CROATIA .... v ALBANIA ....
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

SPAIN .... v ITALY ....
Arena AufSchalke
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

CROATIA .... v ITALY ....
Leipzig Stadium
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

ALBANIA .... v SPAIN ....
Düsseldorf Arena
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)







GROUP C
SLOVENIA · SERBIA · DENMARK · ENGLAND

SLOVENIA 1 – Janza 77
DENMARK 1 – Eriksen 17

SERBIA 0
ENGLAND 1 – Bellingham 13

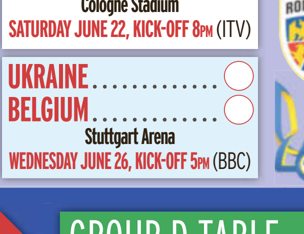
SLOVENIA .... v SERBIA ....
Munich Football Arena
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

DENMARK .... v ENGLAND ....
Frankfurt Arena
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

ENGLAND .... v SLOVENIA ....
Cologne Stadium
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

DENMARK .... v SERBIA ....
Munich Football Arena
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)









GROUP D
POLAND · HOLLAND · AUSTRIA · FRANCE

POLAND 1 – Buksa 16
HOLLAND 2 – Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83

AUSTRIA .... v FRANCE ....
Düsseldorf Arena
TODAY, JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

POLAND .... v AUSTRIA ....
Olympiastadion Berlin
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

HOLLAND .... v FRANCE ....
Leipzig Stadium
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

HOLLAND .... v AUSTRIA ....
Olympiastadion Berlin
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

FRANCE .... v POLAND ....
BVB Stadion Dortmund
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)



GROUP E
BELGIUM · SLOVAKIA · ROMANIA · UKRAINE

ROMANIA .... v UKRAINE ....
Munich Football Arena
TODAY, JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

BELGIUM .... v SLOVAKIA ....
Frankfurt Arena
TODAY, JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

SLOVAKIA .... v UKRAINE ....
Düsseldorf Arena
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

BELGIUM .... v ROMANIA ....
Cologne Stadium
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

SLOVAKIA .... v ROMANIA ....
Frankfurt Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

UKRAINE .... v BELGIUM ....
Stuttgart Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)



GROUP F
TURKEY · GEORGIA · PORTUGAL · CZECH REP

TURKEY .... v GEORGIA ....
BVB Stadion Dortmund
TOMORROW, JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

PORTUGAL .... v CZECH REP ....
Leipzig Stadium
TOMORROW, JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GEORGIA .... v CZECH REP ....
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

TURKEY .... v PORTUGAL ....
BVB Stadion Dortmund
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

CZECH REP .... v TURKEY ....
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GEORGIA .... v PORTUGAL ....
Arena AufSchalke
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)



GROUP A TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Hungary	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Scotland	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

GROUP B TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Albania	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP C TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP D TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

GROUP E TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP F TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech rep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ROUND OF 16

GAME 37 – 1A V 2C
BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

GAME 38 – 2A V 2B
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5PM (Berlin)

GAME 39 – 1B V 3A/D/E/F
Cologne Stadium SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8PM (Cologne)

GAME 40 – 1C V 3D/E/F
Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5PM (Gelsenkirchen)

GAME 41 – 1F V 3A/B/C
Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM (Frankfurt)

GAME 42 – 2D V 2E
Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM (Dusseldorf)

GAME 43 – 1E V 3A/B/C/D
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM (Munich)

GAME 44 – 1D V 2F
Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM (Leipzig)

QUARTER-FINALS

GAME 45 – W39 V W37
Stuttgart Arena FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)

GAME 46 – W41 V W42
Volksparkstadion Hamburg FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)



GAME 47 – W43 V W44
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)

GAME 48 – W40 V W38
Düsseldorf Arena SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM (Düsseldorf)

SEMI-FINALS

GAME 49 – W45 V W46
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM (Munich)

GAME 50 – W47 V W48
BVB Stadion Dortmund WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

FINAL

GAME 51 – WINNER 49 V WINNER 50
Olympiastadion Berlin SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)



EURO REWIND



ORANJE BOOM Van Basten's incredible volley stunned Russia and became iconic goal

SIMPLY THE BAST

Magical Marco's wonder goal showed Dutch were total class

USSR 0 HOLLAND 2

Euro 1988 final: Olympic Stadium, Munich, Saturday, June 25

IT was one of those 'where were you' moments.

One of those 'off your couch' moments.

One of those 'did that really just happen' moments.

When Marco Van Basten shaped to shoot from an impossible angle, perhaps not even he could imagine he was about to create an iconic football image, forever frozen in time, to be cherished and revered.

Better still, and somewhat fittingly given its style, it was a goal that clinched the only major trophy won by a nation which gave the world Total Football.

There didn't appear to be much on when Arnold Muhren lofted a hopeful cross to the far right side of the box.

And Van Basten (right with the trophy) had no chance to shoot, far less score, as the ball dropped out of the sky.

But shoot he did, connecting with one of the all-time great volleys to smash a thunderous strike over stunned Russian keeper Rinat Dasayev.

Coming after Ruud Gullit's headed opener, Van Basten's spectacular volley effectively killed off the Soviet challenge.

And it had legendary Dutch coach Rinus Michels off the bench clutching his face in disbelief.

AC Milan ace Van Basten hadn't even started the tournament, playing second fiddle to John Bosman, Holland's top scorer in qualifying.

But after losing in their opener, a 1-0 defeat to the Soviet Union side they would beat in the final, Holland brought in Van Basten and never looked back.

They played the final with the kind of swagger and verve they had shown from that moment on.

Everyone remembers that Dutch team for the jazzy orange shirts, still a collector's item today, and the stellar play of Milan trio Gullit, Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard.

But it is Van Basten's goal that will live longest in the memory, and regularly comes up in compilations of the best ever scored.

"You need a lot of luck with a shot like that," he said later, with typical modesty. "Everything went well. It is one of those things that sometimes just happens."

It was a fitting end to the competition for a glittering side full of stars, with Ronald Koeman, Jan Wouters and Hans van Breukelen joining Holland's Big Three in the team of the tournament.

They had done it the hard way too, by beating host nation West Germany, their conquerors in the 1974 World Cup final, in a real grudge match of a semi-final which Michels later called "the real final".